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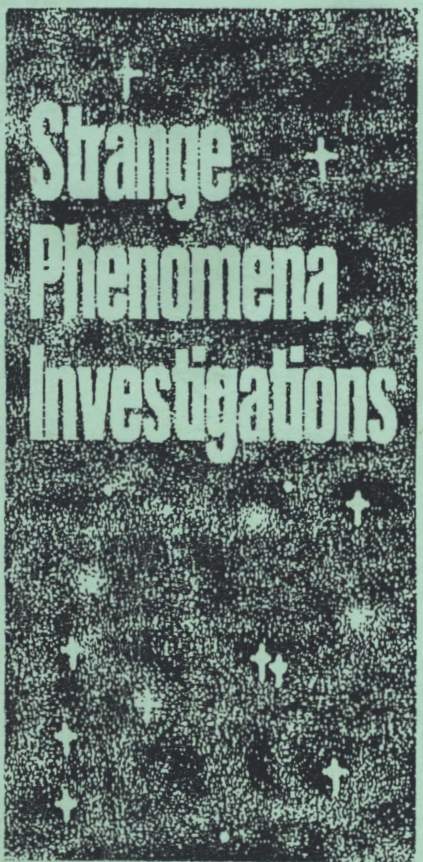

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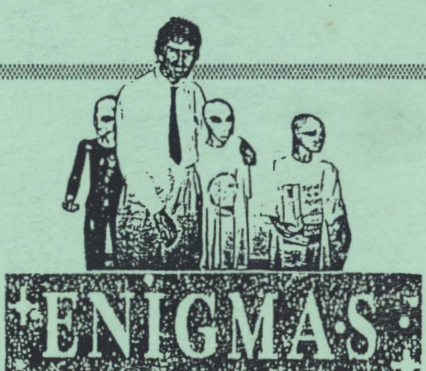

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EDITORIAL.

As I walked down the street the other day, I saw a ladder propped up against the wall, "Oops, better not walk under that", I thought to myself, still, there´s always the lucky white heather in my pocket to protect me, failing that, my lucky rabbit foot or 4 leaf clover will do the trick. What nonsense. That was just make believe. But it´s probably true to say that some, if not a lot of people, are that way inclined, ie, if they step out of their door without their lucky charms, ill-will will befall them.

The belief in amulets and lucky charms is certainly prevalent within our society. The belief in life altering cures is also a thing that some people take seriously. Take for instance the thousands who flock to Lourdes each year in the belief that by visiting this shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary, their ill health will be cured. Lucky bingo pens are used by thousands of people world wide, who somehow "believe" that by using them their lucky number will come up. Now on the other side, we have amulets and charms that allegedly cause ill fortune to those who come in contact with them. Let me say again the word "belief". It´s a belief that an amulet or lucky charm will benifit you, not some over powerful `cosmic force´ that energises factory made plastic charms. But am I too hasty in casting my doubts on lucky charm protection ? Could it not be the case that perhaps there is more to it than that ? What about voodoo dolls ?

A lot of people, mostly from Haiti, put a lot of belief in dressing up dolls that contain patches of cloth or pieces of hair from someone who they dislike, whereby they proceed to stick pins in them. And if that someone "knows", I repeat, "knows", that there is a doll `out there´ in which someone is treating with contempt, then perhaps any "normal illness" would take on sinister overtones. They might stub their toe on a door and put the blame down to this other person´s control of this doll. So why am I writing about this,a subject that really dosen´t interest me a great deal ? Well recently, I noticed from the front page of my local newspaper The Alloa Advertiser, this heading, "Mum Fears The Awful Curse Of Shuggy". The article contained a large photograph of a local woman who was casting her suspicious eye over a `man doll dressed in a suit and tie´.

Basically, the article related the following pieces of information. Christine Bryce was given the doll by one of her friend´s who was trying to get rid of it, and apparently within hours of receiving the doll, Christine came down with a lung infection, she also caught the flu, and if that wasn´t bad enough, she even got the chiken pox ! Since then, we are told, Christine´s micro wave cooker has blown up, her gran has died, and her living room door has fallen off, all of which she has put down to the doll she calls Shuggy. A short while later, Christine gave the doll to one of her friends who accidentally broke it´s foot off, and guess what ! a few days later this friend gashed his foot. Coincidence ? Well this friend glued the doll´s foot back on and placed it in the fridge to harden. The following day as he took the doll out of the fridge, he noticed that "all" in the fridge, had gone off; milk, cheese, everything ! The article closed by saying that Christine had had enough, and that she was now looking for a brave soul to take the doll off her hands.

Having read this story, I rubbed my hands, and a big smile came across my face. At this my wife became extremely angry, and informed me in no uncertain terms, that I´d better not bring that "thing" into the house as we had enough bad luck already without having to bring ourselves more. I calmly asked her, "do you believe in chain letters" ? she replied, "no". "Then why", I asked her does this seem to bother you ? "It just does" was her short and uncomplicated reply. I stated that O.K. I won´t bring it into the house

and with that, she proceeded to browse once more through another paper that she was reading. However, later, when she was out, (Oh the deceit of it all !) I gingerly reached for the phone and dialled my local newspaper in where I had a nice wee chat with one of their reporters. After much discussion on the topics of lucky and ill-fortune charms, the reporter asked me, `would I like it´? "Eh, no thanks, it could cause me more bother than if I told Saddam Hussain that his mother looks like a horse ! No, what I would like to do, would be to come into your office, and crunch this object under my foot, whereby you could moniter my progress each day after that, and let´s see what happens eh ! After a short silence, the reporter spoke and said..."really, well I´ll have to get back to you on that one". And with that, our conversation ended, and since that call, I´ve not heard anything since. So dear readers, I´ll see you again with our next editorial....."touch wood" !

SHUGGIE THE VOODOO DOLL, WITH OWNER CHRISTINE BRYCE.

FOOTNOTE TO EDITORIAL.

As a footnote to my Editorial, on the left here is the photograph from the Alloa Advertiser which shows the voodoo doll fondly called "Shuggie". Its owner Christine Bryce looks on with puzzled eyes. I took the newspaper down to my local post office to photo-copy this photograph for this issue, and guess what ?.....wait for it.....seconds after the shop owner photo-copied "Shuggie´s" photo for me, the photo copier "jammed" and wouldn´t work for ten minutes !!! Would this have happened if I had photo-copied another item for ENIGMAS first ? Who knows, all I can say with certainty, was that the copier "jammed" after it had copied "Shuggie´s" photo, not ain´t that weird !

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■ I´VE BUILT A FLYING SAUCER ! This was the heading from the Scottish Daily Record Newspaper of September 27th. It concerned 61 year old David Burns who has built a proto-type circular disc which he has test flown succesfully. David, who lives in Menstrie a small town quite close to me, discussed over the phone that NASA and also the American plane manufacturer Lockhead are interested in his design. David intends, with help and backing from Lockhead, to build a much larger disc shaped aircraft which will carry passengers. When asked by me, "why the circular design" ? He replied, "It´s the way forward". David attended our successful UFO Conference held in the Falkirk Town Hall in late June. I wonder why ! ■ UFOCALL. UFOCALL is the first regularly updated National UFO news and information service available by telephone seven days a week by dialling, 0891 12 18 86. Just dial and listen. Calls cost 36 pence a minute (cheap rate) and 48 pence per minute (at all other times). ■ WELL MAYBE YOUR NOT THAT BAD I SUPPOSE ! I took a wee dig at the Scottish Sun Newspaper, (See Kilsyth article this issue) which was justified. However, my pride in the Sun was restored when reporter Alison Kirker did a really good article on me recently. She quoted me perfectly, without any lies or usual `micky take´. So it´s good to know that there are at least some good journalists out there. ■ ENIGMAS CROSSWORD. Our crossword for this issue, was again compiled by Hazel and Denise Hiley of Deepcar Village Sheffield.

MYSTERY OF 'UFO' SIGHTINGS

(Editor´s Note. Readers may recall from our last issue of my trip to Aultbea and my meeting with Derek Lauder and our night time skywatch which had "interesting results". In this article, Derek highlights some of his UFO sightings over the years).

1966 THE CEPHEUS OBJECT.

My interest in UFOs really began with this sighting. I decided to go outside to enjoy the beautiful evening. Suddenly my attention was drawn to a movement amoung the stars. It was a starlike object which was moving dead slow across the Eastern sky from south to north. The speed was so slow that I knew that it could not be an areplane which would have stalled at such slow speed. I continued to watch as the object went on its sedate way. It´s flight path was taking it towards the star which forms a point in the constellation of CEPHEUS. Closer and closer it moved towards the star. Then I watched as the object "covered" the star´s position, (from my line of sight) and stayed there ! I watched for a while but I never saw the object move on again. This sighting made me question some of the things I began to observe and could not identify as our own aircraft.

1968 FOLLOWED BY A DISC.

A friend and I went for a run on his scooter across the Forth Road Bridge to Kirkcaldy. I was on the back, and as I was looking around at the scenery, I spotted an object flying on a parallel course with us. It was a disc shaped aluminium coloured machine, which from time to time was hidden by the hills. By the time we arrived at our destination, the object was no longer to be seen.

1966 TO 1973.

During the years from 1966 to 1973, I saw many unusual flying objects in the evening sky. More dead slow moving lights, some extremely fast moving lights. Then, one afternoon, I was cycling back home from work to Prestonpans and came to the only spot where I had to get off the bicycle and walk it across the grass to the main road. I was just getting back on the bike, when at the corner of my eye, I was aware of someone there. For some reason I did not feel inclined to look at him as he said, "hello Derek" ! I just said "hello" back and carried on my way.

ROSLIN GLEN AND THE UFOs.

In 1975 I was living in Roslin Glen, in the grounds of the centuries old

Roslin Castle. This place was to be my home for the next seven years, and where a new phase in my experience with the UFOs would begin. One evening I was sitting on the edge of the armchair watching the T.V. when suddenly, I felt on my left shoulder as though someone was pressing one finger down firmly there. I looked found but there was no sign of anyone in the room. I did not feel afraid, but it was very strange. Another time I was boiling potatoes and tested them with a fork. Then I went outside for firewood, when I looked at the fork again, it was bent in the middle ! I used to visit friends in Warminster England, and when I was there, I visited Arthur Shuttlewood, the author famous for his books about the UFOs of that area. When I returned home to Roslin, I received a letter from my friends, who told me that Arthur had been round to see them, and while there, he had asked them to tell me when next they were writing to me, for me to take a torch and to signal into the clear evening sky and wait, then keep trying this procedure.

In March of 1977, I went outside and signalled up at the constellation of Leo Major, and to my utter surprise, there came back, from the star Acubens, replies in white light from an object which must have been covering that star from my line of sight. It was an incredible experience, and was to be the start of communication with people and their machines which I believe are not of human origin.

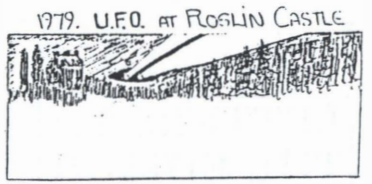
Since that first successful attempt, I never went out skywatching without the torch, and consequently had many more replies from other areas of the sky. I received signals from an object covering the star Talitha in the constellation of the Lynx. Another time I was signalling at an object above Roslin Glen, when two jets tried to catch it coming from two different angles. They stood no chance of intercepting it, it just shot off and left them behind. At twelve midnight one time, I was just getting ready to go back inside, when I spotted a very strange UFO coming up from the southern sky. It was like one of those hand held sparklers, but giving off coloured sparks as it travelled high across the Eastern sky to the north. No sound could be heard.

Many strange things occured while I lived in Roslin Glen. I would be woken by the sound as if someone in heavy boots were running around my wooden challet, and when I looked outside, there was nothing to be seen. Another time, I was woken up by the sounds of heavy boots on top of the roof. Irritated at having been disturbed from my warm bed, I rushed outside sure that I would catch the culprit this time, but once again there was nothing there ! I never did find out what was causing those noises. Roslin has an interesting history.

Sir William St Clair Knight, and owner of Roslin Castle, used to allow Gypsies to camp in the grounds where they would perform plays for him. Then there are the strange carvings on the rocks in the glen. There is also the mystery of Apprentice Pillar. Apparently there is an object inside it, which, it has been suggested, may be the Holy Grail. This pillar can be seen in Roslin Chapel, which dates back to the 15th century I think.

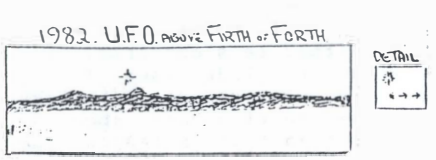
Meanwhile I continued to go out skywatching and exchange signals in light with whoever these people are, until one evening, I was walking back to the challet from Roslin village down past the cemetary through the woods until I arrived at the padlocked gate at the bridge leading to the castle

I unlocked the gate, closed it, and locked it again, and started walking towards the castle. I had just stepped into the shadow of the castle, when an intense `beam of light´ shot straight down at the spot where I had just been. If it had happened a split second sooner, I would have been engulfed in the brilliant white light. I looked up but could not see any craft above me ! Then in 1979, all of my incredible experiences in Roslin Glen, culminated in the arrival of a flying machine not of human origin.



I was outside this particular evening looking towards Roslin Castle, when I saw two beams of brilliant white light coming from a dark lens-shaped object. It rose up from a dip in the valley, and came towards me passing next to the castle. It was heading for the only area of open field around, and I remember thinking, "it´s going to land". However, the next thing I remember, is seeing the object veering off to my left and I saw it no more. It could not have been a helicopter, because there were too many trees around where I saw it flying. It has been only recently that I have found out about the encounter that Robert Taylor, the forestry worker had near Livingston, which is not very far from Roslin, (Central Scotland). Perhaps it was the same UFO that visited me that night and then went across to Livingston ?

In 1982, I left Roslin, and moved to a farm cottage near Longniddry, East Lothian. The contacts in light continued.



One evening my attention was drawn to an orange object low in the northern sky just above the hills across the Firth of Forth. At first I thought it was stationary, but it was in fact moving extremely slowly. I decided to focus my 40X60 refracting telescope on the orange light. To my surprise, I saw that it was not one object, but two ! There was a bright orange light, and a much smaller white light very close but not attached to the larger light. They were travelling along together dead slowly until the smaller light gradually picked up speed and moved away from the bright orange object. I continued to watch as they traversed the high eastern sky and became lost to sight below the southern horizon.

In 1987 I moved from the cottage to a Lodge house just down the road. I still had contact in light from various objects. In this year I saw a beautiful object. I had just returned from walking my dog and was going around to the back door. The time was around 9.30pm. My eyes were drawn to an extremely bright white light which seemed to be above the Firth of Forth opposite Longniddry. I stood for some minutes watching the light and then I went indoors and brought out my telescope. When I focused on the still stationary light, I saw that there were in fact two lights. Even with the telescope´s magnification, I could only see an intense bright white light, and close to it, a much smaller white light, which though very close, was definetly another object.Then the small light moved away from the larger light and headed east towards the north sea.

Then the large light also moved sedately away eastwards until I could no longer see it. There was never any sound during the sighting.

(c) Derek Scott Lauder.

(Editor´s Note. Roslin Glen is near Edinburgh Central Scotland. As mentioned from the last issue of ENIGMAS, I too, saw with my own eyes, an incredible burst of light which came from the night sky as Derek flashed his torch in a nearby direction, I still don´t know what it was !)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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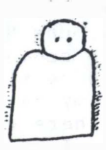
DEAR EDITOR.

I live in a semi-detached house with garden. There is a shed in the furthest corner of my neighbour´s garden, the back wall of which is part of the garden wall. Outside the wall is another shed slightely lower than the one inside. On the evening of tuesday the 10th of May 1994, (the same evening that the Sun was partially eclipsed), about 7.45pm, I was starting to wash the dishes in the sink inside my kitchen. My window looks out up the garden to this shed approximately 30 yards distant.



My attention was drawn to what I thought was a big school girl wearing a pink coloured jacket and hood standing on the roof of the shed outside the wall, as I could just see the head and torso above the roof of the shed.

However, within minutes I was amazed to see this "thing" moving about on top of the roof of the inside shed. It had neither legs nor arms, it just seemed to glide along. It was a beautiful pink colour. I thought it was covered with hair, about 3 quarters of an inch in length. The "thing" itself, was about 2 feet 3 inches tall. It had a round head and two eyes and a rather expressionless face. The face, head and body, were all the same shade of pink.

It must have seen me inside my window, for it stood staring at me for around five minutes, and then it shot off suddenly upwards at great speed. The weather was good, with clear visibility, with little or no wind. The "thing" was solid, and possibly slightely darker underneath. It floated about 1 or 2 inches above the shed roof, and while watching `her´ (! Ed) it moved about (glided) within the space of a square yard. I watched it disappear upwards into the sky until it was gone from view.

MRS DAVIDSON, SHETLAND ISLES.

DEAR EDITOR.

Back in the summer of 1986, at around 6.30pm, myself and my brother took our dog for a run in a nearby field, (St Clairs playing field Moorside Road Bradford). As soon as I reached the field, I let the dog off the leash and stood up whereby I noticed a large glowing orange ball which just hung motionless in the sky above Fagley Woods. I was able to see and study the object without any obstructions.

I watched it for about 5 minutes before a small red glowing ball emerged "from it" which almost instantly moved off slowly then disappeared at a tremendous speed straight up. The orange ball remained motionless for another 5 minutes or so before slowly moving off, then at speed, in the same direction as the other had done.

JASON GLENNON, BLACKPOOL, ENGLAND.

DEAR EDITOR.

I was working on a farm in Germany and I went to bed and some time in the morning I suddenly just opened my eyes and this "thing" was at the bottom of the bed. I couldn´t believe it, I think it done something it was pitch black, and I couldn´t move or speak. I remember thinking "I´m not scared, let me see, I´m not scared", and the next moment I was awake but could only see and not move. And this "thing" was by my left side looking down at me.

I felt for some reason that she was female and meant me no harm, although something horrible and terrible was by my right but I couldn´t see because of the way my head faced her. I woke up in the morning and had a terrible dread, and and I must say I was only scared because I was just worried that if I went missing, no one would know what happened to me. I mean, if they could immobilise me at night, then they could do anything ! and being a lone Englishman on a German farm did not help. I must admit, for months on end I was on edge, and even drew a sketch with details and put them in a drawer just in case I went missing, but nothing more happened. I´m not mad, in fact I´m very logical, and I sense this female allowed me to remember those seconds, either that, or "they" messed up.

This was no dream, and I cannot imagine why I was picked on. I still remember what she looked like, she was a light yellowy green (don´t laugh), very fragile looking, and I felt she could read my mind. She was about 3ft to 4ft high. The difference being her eyes, [they were not black] also her shoulders were narrow, her waist being wider. She had no nose just two dots. By the way, she touched me, probably re-assurance. I´m positive something that I did not like was at the right hand side of the bed. Well there you are, that´s what happened.

MR J. GARSIDE, BILLINGHAM, ENGLAND.

DEAR EDITOR.

I probably find things interesting that others do not, but certain things do puzzle me. In Keith Basterfield´s analysis on abductions in Australia, (ENIGMAS Aug-Sep 94)UFOs were never a stranger to that country, where one of the most important and unsolved cases still gets written about. Certain points really make me wonder. They are, that Strieber´s book Communion is the only one that made an impact, that almost all Australian abductees have fragmentary, if not all, conscious recall of their encounter, that hypnotic regression reveals little beyond that of conscious memory, this being a point that I have always argued. If the `aliens´

fix it that you can´t remember after the event, then, if they are so super intelligent and advanced, they could certainly fix it so that you would have no recall uhder hypnosis either. It just never made sense to me. Also, very interesting that unlike the U.S. the mini-series Intruders did not bring forth any new cases, and finally, their `aliens´ are not all the same. Some of their encounters were with beings who had grey bulges for eyes, and flat noses. What does this tell me ? Sad to say but, many people in the U.S. re jumping on that good old UFO bandwagon because it is a hot subject and with it comes "big bucks".

After viewing Intruders, all sorts of people came forth, wrote books, got on talk shows, etc, and said, "Oh yeah, I´ve been there, did that" Lots of health professionals also got in on the act with obviously `great´ results in hypnotic regression. It has become a business on a grand scale, more talk shows, more books, more $$$$. The aliens are always the same, you see one, you see them all. Perhaps it all boils down to the fact that the Australian public and/or health professionals aren´t so interested in cashing in on the UFO frenzy, how refreshing !

LEE WALSH, DAMARISCOTTA, ME, USA.

DEAR EDITOR.

I have been reading Jacque Vallee´s "Revelations" in which he points out many deceptions and hoaxes in some classic UFO cases. He shows that there is no real evidence for "crashed saucers" or "alien corpses" or "UFOs coming from other stars & galaxies", (the E.T. hypothesis). With regard to these matters, many UFOlogists have been victims of great deceptions and hoaxes. I thoroughly agree with him on these points, after almost half a century of UFO research.

(1) Mankind still does not have a flying saucer, undamaged or damaged on exhibit in any major city of the world, despite the fact that aliens were alleged to have been seen often on the ground "repairing their craft" and despite the fact that the Military have often fired upon these vehicles. (2) Likewise, mankind still does not have a single alien body, "alive-or dead" on exhibit in any major city of the world, again despite the fact that physical violence has often been used against them.

This situation is rendered all the more absurd when one reads that the number of abductions of humans by aliens is now estimated to run into the millions. (On page 306 of his "Secret Life", Jacobs estimates that "as many as 15 million people in the United States" might have been abducted). After half a century, there should be exhibits of UFO vehicles and alien bodies in every major city in the world !

From this, and from the fact that the aliens are able to make themselves invisible, and float and pass through solid objects like ghosts, it is clear that the UFO phenomena is a "Supernatural One" rather than a "natural one" involving physical entities from distant stars. On page 261 of his Revelations, Vallee also has an appendix containing 5 arguments against the E.T. origin of UFO objects.

Despite Vallee´s good sense on these points, I have to reject some of his ideas. He seems to see only the human causes of the deceptions and hoaxes, e.g. UFOlogists spreading unverified reports, jumping to un-warrented conclusions. I agree that the hoaxes and deceptions are everywhere but the "perpetrators are primarily the alins (demons) themselves, not the humans". If the so called Men In Black are also aliens, they could easily spread such deceptions since they look like men themselves. Vallee also mentions (p.248) that "Entities that accompany UFOs, are variously described by witnesses as short humanoids, or even `normal humans´ thus these `normal humans´ could spread deceptions and hoaxes, just like the MIBs. Finally, we have direct evidence that the aliens spread deceptions by including false "screen memories" into the minds of the abductees to cover up their abductions and abominations. See the article by Budd Hopkins "Abduction And Deception" in the IUR Journal of September 1990. According to this article, aliens who abducted two women in Washington D.C. in January 1988, included screen memories in the two women which made them believe that a UFO landing was "a six car pile up in the middle of an intersection.

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BOOK REVIEW

TITLE: WITHOUT CONSENT.

AUTHORS: CARL NAGAITIS AND PHILP MANTLE. PUBLISHER: RINGPULL PRESS.

PRICE: £16.99. (HARDBACK).

The abduction phenomenon is I'm sure, what keeps serious UFOlogists tight on the UFO track. It would seem that LITS, (Lights In The Sky), and CE 1s, (Close Encounters Of The First Kind), although interesting, cannot match the pull of cases relating to "alien abduction", and that is, individuals who claim to be taken, either from their car, or bedroom ! and find themselves onboard what they describe as an "alien space-craft". Can there be any truth in these stories, are they all complete fabrications and lies from attention seeking individuals ? Or are they indeed, what they claim to be ?

As most of us know, it is from America in which the vast majority of UFO abduction cases come from, however, having said that, the phenomenon in itself, is clearly world wide, effecting all countries on our planet. Here in the United Kingdom of Great Britain, we too are not alone with cases pertaining to "alien abduction". Jenny Randles has already broached the subject with two books, "ALIEN CONTACT" and "ABDUCTION". Now a new book, co-written by Carl Nagaitis, a freelance journalist, and BUFORA'S Director of Investigations, Philip Mantle, entitled "WITHOUT CONSENT", has hit the book stores. The book contains many British abduction, or `near abduction' cases, and is written in a clear and concise style and of which offers the reader to make his or her own judgement on the cases presented.

Seasoned UFOlogists will be well aware of most of the cases featured in this book, and I refer mainly to the incidents happening to, Elsie Oakensen, Graham Allen, The Aveley Case, P.C. Alan Godfrey, and Scotland's own Livingston Event, and one or two others. However, for Joe Public who might not be aware of these cases, then this clearly is a book designed for them. For it portrays British UFO abductions that seem to defy expl-anation, and as such, will prove to be of the utmost of interest to any new individual who is coming into this subject for the first time.

Phil and Carl explain that in their research, they reckon that only around forty British UFO abductions have taken place over the years of which this figure could obviously be expanded on, for we may never really know about other such cases which have never came to light. Scotland's own Livingston case, featured in this book, was indeed a very puzzling event. My only query, is the statement from the Livingston police who stated in their report that..."An object of several tons rested on the grass". I for one wouldn't accept this statement due to the fact that, the marks found at the location (presumably from this object) were only found in the grass, and not in the soil itself If an object of several tons "landed" there, then one would expect for indentations to be found, not only in the grass, but entering the soil itself, there were none, now what does this tell us ? The Livingston case is a classic in the annals of British UFOlogy, and both Carl and Philip do it immense justice in their write up.

Now, this bend in the road and green mist keeps popping up in UFO and abduction cases. For instance, in the Aveley case, prior to the family being abducted, we read that ...."As the car came out of the bend it plunged into a bank of fog or thick mist, although John remeimbers it seemed more like gas. Dense and green, the eerie fog bank was about eight or nine feet high, completely enveloping the car"..... (shades of SPIs Tarbrax case featured in this issue), and not only that, SPI had another case which featured a thick mist suddenly appearing in front of Patrick Forsyth's car on a quiet road near Bonnybridge back in 1992 as he drove underneath a hovering UFO, [see ENIGMAS issue 31]. There is something clearly important in this, and I would ask UFOlogists to watch out for it in any further cases.

The authors give great thought to other alternative explanations which might account for the abduction phenomenon. They go on to discuss Albert Budden's theory, that of people who are electro-magnetic-hypersensitives, (see Albert's article this issue). and also the sterling work carried out by Ken Philips with his Anamnesis Project which is basically a witness psychological profile, or "Life Memory". We must gleam as many facts about the witness whereby this may give us some important clues that we seek to hopefully `pierce the UFO bubble'.

Case after case is featured in this book, and its pleasing to see a new British book on UFO abductions. We British UFOlogists are clearly more reserved in our interpreta-tions of events such as this, and this is clearly shown in the writings of both Carl and Philip. Our colleagues from across the pond, or at least a good per-cent of them, view abductions as clearly the work of visiting aliens who are abducting humans to extract genetic material to possibly create a "hybrid race". Thankfully both Carl and Philip give other alternatives, and this is where the book for me, is not only more balanced, but does not "force" a specific opinion down your throat, as some authors tend to do.

So with this in mind, this then, is clearly an important book, and certainly a book that is well overdue in coming to the attention of Joe Public. The British public must now sit up and take notice that UFOlogy is much more than lights in the sky, that there clearly is "something else" to be addressed. That individuals are subject to periods of missing time, time that in general they cannot account for. But chiefly what has to be explained, is, are these abductions really the work of visiting aliens, or are indi-viduals, all over the world, suffering from a global psychosis, expanded imagination, wishfull thinking ? This fine book addresses these points, and will I'm sure, go down as a "classic" in the annals of British UFOlogy, and as such, comes highly recommended.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: CROPCIRCLE APOCALYPSE.

AUTHOR: JOHN MACNISH. PUBLISHER: CIRCLEVISION PUBLICATIONS. PRICE: £12.00.

Alien space-ships ? Mating hedgehogs ? Gaia ? or hoaxes ? What is the anser to the Crop Circle mystery ? Well John Macnish who is a freelance Television producer working for the B.B.C. began a personel search to find the answer to this mystery. Prior to this book, John had much success with the video "Cropcircle Communique was partly instrumental in bringing to the publics attention, the beautiful and intricite patterns of crop circle formations. However, as John continued his search, he met up with numerous individuals who themselves, had their own exoctic and fanciful ideas as to what was behind the mystery. John began to realise that there was more to this

mystery than was meeting his eye ! And it soon became apparent to John, that nearly all, probably 99% of all crop circles were hoaxes made by individuals who were out to fool the crop circle researchers by getting "Their" crop circle in the local or even National Press. Indeed, even what had been termed `good, solid, and reliable evidence´ that "something" was behind the circle formations, ie, the small ball of "fuzziness" seen floating over the circles captured by video camera, was later proved, we are told, to have been "large thistle seeds carried by the wind" (page 188). Pam Price is quoted in the book by saying..." You began knowing nothing, you then thought it was the unknown, you then discovered how they could all be man-made, you try to tell others of your discoveries, they accuse you of discrediting the subject you start making circles to prove your point, the circles you make ensure the subject continues, and the mystery is eternal"...

JOHN MACNISH. (c)SPI.

This book states its case clear, and I feel there is no room for doubt. Pictogrammes and insectogrammes are all hoaxes. Possibly the only "true" phenomenon that remains, is the single lone circle, that fellow researcher Paul Fuller explains has been noted throughout recent history. These single circles, are perhaps the "true" mystery. This book gives many instances of hoaxing, and it was rife between the years of 1989 and 1993, (and most probably this year as well). Hopefully the hoaxers will hang up their rope and pressing planks and take up train spotting instead. Crop circles are dead, long live the sense and reason of this book.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: WITHOUT A TRACE & THE PHILEDELPHIA EXPERIMENT.

AUTHOR: CHARLES BERLITZ AND WILLIAM MOORE. PUBLISHER: SOUVENIR PRESS. PRICE: £6.99.

WITHOUT A TRACE. In the flyer that I was sent, I was informed that the Bermuda Triangle (Without a Trace) by Charles Berlitz, is one of the major world-wide best sellers in the U.K. alone, with over 1 million copies sold in paperback. Souvenir Press has re-issued this book, of which deals specifically with the alleged "disappearances" of ships, planes, and people from the infamous Bermuda Triangle situated off the Florida coast in America. So much has been written about these disappearances that it would take more than a few pages here to tell you about it, suffice it to say, that I´m sure the readers of ENIGMAS will be well aware of this subject. But for those who have not as yet managed to obtain a copy of this book, then this is an ideal opportunity to now do so.

And what do I think about the Bermuda Triangle ? Well I think that in the main, I favour a natural explanation, ie, that of quick thunderstorms, sea-sprouts, typhoons, and even piracy !! I wouldn´t rule out altogether any other "alternative" explanation, but I feel that far too much has been written in suggesting "alien involement". There are however, one or two very puzzling events which seem to defy explanation, and it is to these events that really keep the door open !

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THE PHILEDELPHIA EXPERIMENT. Rumours circulated, that in 1943, a top secret U.S. Navy experiment made a destroyer disappear from its moorings in Philedelphia, and turned up minutes later in Norfolk Virginia. Did this event really happen ? Well

according to the book, there are many sources who say that it did. Digging through the historical archives, Charles Berlitz and Bill Moore have uncovered many witnesses to the fact, witnesses who "saw" the ship disappear. This book makes fascinating reading and it makes one wonder, if this event really did happen, then why haven´t we heard any-more about it, or at least had experiments on a similar vein. Never mind the Roswell Incident, The Philedelphia Experiment, if true, and there is very little reason to doubt it, is truly one of the mysteries of the century.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: UNLOCK YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS.

AUTHOR: RICHARD LAWRENCE. PUBLISHER: SOUVENIR PRESS. PRICE: £8.99 (Pbk)

This is one of the many books devoted to developing one´s own psychic abilities. They say that within each and everyone of us, we all have the potential to be psychic and to perceive things beyond the norm. Dr Richard Lawrence is the Secretary in Europe, for the Aetherius Society, (Om Na Ne Pat E Om !!) and he has extensivily researched all aspects of the psychic and spiritual faculties over the years.

This book learns you how to develop Astrology, ESP, Numerology, Visualisation, The Tarot, Clairvoyance, Psychometry, Telepathy, Crystal Ball Gazing, Psychic Touch, Intuition, and Astral Projection. This book I feel, although trying its best to assist one in the developing of these "talents", rushes on, and could I believe, given the reader more information on each and every subject. That said, this book does its job well, and is a good guide in the understanding and development on how to master your latent powers.

TITLE: TIME TRAVEL. (FACT FICTION, OR POSSIBILITY ?)

AUTHOR: JENNY RANDLES. PUBLISHER: BLANFORD BOOKS. PRICE: £14.99 (Hbk) £8.99 (Pbk).

Well here we have yet another book from the typewriter of Britain´s foremost authority on UFOs and the unexplained. This time, Jenny delves´s into a mystery, nay, mad desire, for mankind to travel in time and I´m quite sure that its something that each and every one of us have given thought to at some point in our lives. For me, it was the film "The Time Machine" starring Rod Taylor, simply wonderful. This book informs the reader of our fascination with time travel, and gives references to and from, cinema, television, and science fiction books. Jenny´s own fascination with time began after she read J.W. Dunne´s book, "An Experiment With Time", and since then she has held a deep fascination for the subject.

Jenny explains that it may not be necassary for us to devise an actual `time machine´ "our minds alone may be capable of transporting us backwards, forwards, and sideways through time". Indeed, on page 91 Jenny states,..."What we need to do to make time travel practical, is conduct physiological, psychological and parapsychological studies to find what it is that causes Oz to come about, (A strange sensation of timelessness that some UFO observers achieve during UFO encounters, Ed) If we can isolate these things, then we will be well on our way towards producing a device that can stimulate time travel". There are some references here to UFOs, of which the cloud/mist/fog

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phenomenon that I have already mentioned in my review of Philip Mantle and Carl Nagaitis book "Without Consent", is again re-stated here in Jenny's book. The Knowles family who were driving down the Eyre highway in Western Australia, encoutered a "Yell-owish white mass ahead of them". As they entered this mist, their car was pulled `upwards' into the air and dropped down onto the road's surface, (page 81). Jenny goes on to mention.."There seems little doubt that some naturally occuring force that manifests as a glowing cloud, is appearing on a regular basis in the world around us. When someone gets too close, the consequences may be amazing. They seem to include the possibility of a trip through space or time"..(Page 83).

Jenny's book goes on to relate about data from dreams, "Can man-kind really glimpse the future" ? And if so, then surely this in-itself is a form of time travel ! If this subject is possible at all, then we here in 1994 obviously don't have the technology to make a machine which could take us backwards and forwards in time, perhaps in the future this may come about ? And where would I, your Editor go ? Well it would need to be back to 1902, for that was the last and only time that my favourite football team, Hibernian F.C. from Edinburgh, won the Scottish Cup. Oh the thrill of it all ! Yes a good book, whether this time travel bus-iness will really come about, well who really knows. But wait....what's that strange noise I hear coming from my neighbour's garden shed....!!!!!

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: THE MOVING STATUE OF BALLINSPITTLE.

AUTHOR: LIONEL BEER. PUBLISHER: (SELF PUBLISHED SPACELINK BOOKS, 115 HOLLYBUSH LANE HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND, TW12 2QY.) PRICE: £2.00.

The author of this interesting little book is a Fellow of The Royal Astronomical Society, and a founder member of the British UFO Research Association, (BUFORA). He later became Chairman of BUFORA, and still is a member of its National Council. Between 1967-1971 he published *SPACELINK*, a magazine which had an international reputation and circulation.

Lionel Beer has travelled widely, but did not reach the Irish Republic until 1985, so it was coincidental that he was able to visit Ballinspittle at the height of the phenomena. What were these phenomena? Perhaps you read about it at the time or saw it on TV? If you did not, you will not only read about *it*, but other similar phenomena in this easily read little book.

The Ballinspittle phenomena probably started on Monday 22nd.July 1985, when Clare O'Mahoney, (17), was walking past the grotto about 10pm. She passed about 30ft. from the life-sized statue of the Virgin Mary, and was convinced she saw it moving. Clare said that when she looked up the statue was rocking towards her, going backwards and forwards, as though someone was pushing it.

The grotto was about ½ mile North East of the village, and it had been built in 1954. Three white steps led up to a low concrete dais, where people can kneel in front of a blue and white ballustrade whose supports carry then words: "I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION" The small white-painted figure of St.Bernadette,(of Lourdes) with a pale blue shawl, looks up at the concrete statue of Mary, which we were told, was manufactured in Cork, and weighs about 3cwt. This statue is set into concrete, and is protected by an artificial rock cave, which looks very natural, being covered in ivy on one side. Her ground-length concrete or plaster robe is painted white, while being off-set by a pale blue smock running from chest to feet down her front. Her hands are uplifted towards her chin, with fingers touching. Her head is looking upwards, slightly tilted to one side, and behind it is a 100 Watt halo of 11 small lights. She also carries a Rosary.

Clare made no other statement other than her claim to have seen the statue move! Word spread quickly, and the next evening, (Tuesday) several dozen local people had turned up. Kevin Hannon (23) and his friend Gerard O'Donovan,(17) reported that at about 11.45 that night, they had seen the head and shoulders of the statue move.Other early reports described the statue as moving to and fro,or swaying from side to side. By Wednesday night the crowd had grown to hundreds, and by Thursday 25th.July, several thousand turned up, which was sufficiently large to have attracted the notice of *THE CORK EXAMINER* and *RADIO TELEFIS EIREAN, (RTE)*. From then on floods of people swept towards the grotto each evening, blocking the roads to the village, so that some people had to walk the last mile to the grotto.

Reports suggest that the majority of nocturnal visitors to the shrine in the early days, thought they saw movement. Many left genuinely puzzled as to whether they had seen a miraculous vision, or had been subject to an optical aberration. On occasions it was noted that some Catholics saw nothing unusual, and yet sceptical friends accompanying them, reported strong movement.

Ten days after the start of the Ballinspittle phenomena, viewers were watching the 9 o'clock television news on *RTE*. While the latest report from Ballinspittle was being presented, many viewers were convinced they had seen the face of Christ superimpose itself on the screen. There were sufficient telephone calls and letters to generate an internal investigation. *RTE* engineers reran the news videotape, but apparently could find nothing to account for the claims of the viewers.

Following the news from Ballinspittle, word quickly came in that religious masonry was on the move in other parts of Ireland, many of which are described in the book.

Trouble struck at 4.00pm on Halloween, when a blue Mazda car, stolen in Dublin earlier, was driven to the grotto by three well-dressed men. Two of the men, having harangued some members of the crowd,leapt over an electric fence, which had been installed after the Rosary had been stolen a few weeks earlier, and to the astonishment of the crowd, they attacked the statue with axe and hammer. The third man, who had remained in the car, was now taking photos of his colleagues. As the men drove off they shouted something like: "You stupid fools, worshipping a plaster statue." The men were caught by police, and indications were that this was no ordinary desecration by a gang of "yobos", but rather they were members of a small religious sect opposed to Mariolatry. Later because of a legal technicality, they were found "not guilty". Various theories are discussed for the Irish phenomena, and readers should as usual make their own minds up, in the light of the evidence presented.

Reviewed by Daphne Plowman.

TITLE: THE COMPLETE BOOK ON UFOs.

AUTHORS: JENNY RANDLES AND PETER HOUGH. PUBLISHER: PIATKUS BOOKS. 5 Windmill Street, London, W1P 1HF. PRICE: £17.99 (Hbk).

From the ever busy typewriters of Jenny Randles and Peter Hough, come their new book, "The Complete Book On UFOs", subtitled, "An Investigation Into Alien Contacts And Encounters", which essentially is an extension of Jenny's last book, "UFOs And How To See Them". Do we really need another book on the history of UFOs ? Well yes we do, and why ? well for the simple reason, that of a growing number of kids who are now sitting up and taking notice of the UFO phenomenon, (tomorrow's UFOlogists maybe !) and this book will educate them just fine thank you.

It's all basically here, the great Airship wave in America of the 1880's, the ghost rockets and foo fighters of the middle to late 1940's. Good old Kenneth Arnold. The C.I.A.'s involement. The Villas Boas encounter, (what a lucky guy !). The Betty and Barney Hill event. And the CE IV look-a-likes, "The Men In Black". It's all here and more, much much more. The book is also awash with many photographs of not only UFOs, but wonderful illustrations, newspaper cuttings, and official de-classified UFO documents, (real information, or did-information ?).

Crop circles, abductions, the Belgian UFO wave, and some of Britain's more recent UFO cases, are featured here in some detail. The authors then speculate as to what is behind the UFO phenomena. Is it truly extraterrestrial ? Or could it possibly be entitys from other dimensions ? Then of course there's the "Earth Lights" theory, a naturally produced earth phenomenon which creates balls of light which can be misconstrued by some, as fancifull "flying saucers".

BETTY AND BARNEY HILL.

But it's chiefly the social and historical aspect of UFOs that is given the full treatment in this book. So in effect, the UFO history, if you like, is all contained here, and both Jenny and Peter have captured it, documented it, and presented it for Joe Public to consume. We seasoned UFOlogists know the script all too well, but like I mentioned earlier, we have youngsters coming up through the ranks and this book will go a long way in completing their education. Recommended reading.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

VIDEO: TITLE: HAS SCIENCE CONFIRMED LIFE AFTER DEATH ?

PRESENTER: MICHAEL ROLL. PRICE: £7.99 Plus £1.25 (p&p). AVAILABLE: Stuff Productions, Steepyfields, Penpole Place, Shirehampton, Bristol, England, BS11 ODR.

The following notes are taken directly from the flyer which accompanies this video, it reads thus...."The world of science is currently witnessing something of a revolution in the study of survival of death, that the subject is steadily gaining credence as a legitimate branch of sub-atomic physics, and is not soley in the domain of religious belief. Yet, conversely, it appears that these very discoveries have been the victims of censorship in the mass-media, their implications seemingly `too hot to handle'.

These themes, amongst others, are explored here in candid, and at times, controversial detail in the company of Michael Roll, head of the Campaign For Philosophical Freedom, who has been diligently writing and campaigning for many years for the right to express and publicise these discoveries in physics which support survival of death. This fascinating video makes essential viewing for anyone who has an interest, be it academic, or spiritual, in this subject..." Well there you are. And what do I think of this video ? Well as some of you may well know, I am a Spiritualist, I strongly believe in Life After Death, and this video presented by Michael Roll, is a "cracker", it is simply "wonderful". Mike presents his case "brilliant", and for anyone who thinks that `when we're dead we're dead', should view this video and be prepared to have their outlook on life changed considerably. It may only run for 28 minutes, but it is a 28 minute education. Well Done to Michael Roll for bringing out a video such as this, it's long, long overdue.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

Mystery space craft spotted over Falkirk

UFOs are back ! Bonnybridge, Falkirk, and surrounding districts are still seeing strange objects in the sky which do not conform to conventional type aircraft. The reports, (or at least the documented ones !) started again in early August 1994 when a Mrs May Macleod of Falkirk, noticed a strange object in the sky flying low over Falkirk. Her sighting was featured in her local newspaper The Falkirk Herald. This in turn brought out a further six witnesses to this object. Firstly, on the night of August 8th 1994, 70 year old Mary Higgins of Westquarter (near Falkirk), was sitting in her back garden with a neighbour, Kathleen Swanston (31) and her son Andrew Swanston (6). The time was around 9.00pm when a strange silver cigar shaped object which was sharply defined in the clear night sky, came into view.

No noise could be heard from this object and the puzzled witnesses stared in disbelief as the object continued its path across the sky. In her UFO sighting account form, Mary stated that...."There was no tail, no wings, like any airplane. It was also lower in the sky than any plane we have seen, which is quite often..." The object proceeded to fly very slowly towards Falkirk. The total duration of this sighting was around 2 minutes.

That same night, pensioners William Bestall (72) and his wife Mary (68) who live in a flat in Falkirk which is situated on the 7th floor. Observed in the sky, (the time of this sighting was 9.30pm) a strange catherine wheel type object spinning and rotating in the sky. At first they both felt that it was a star or bright planet. (Both have witnessed the same or similar object three times already this

William Bestall and his wife Mabel who have spotted a strange object

year) At times this object would remain static with only the centre core lit up. It rotated in both directions and was described as very luminous. After a few minutes, the object shot off in a southerly direction at a speed described by William Bestall as "beyond calculation" !

[THE OBJECT THAT THE BESTALL'S OBSERVED]

On the 14th of September 1994, John Morrison (47) from Grangemouth (near Falkirk) was out walking with his wife when they both observed a strange grey ring in the sky which he is sure was not smoke or cloud, it did not move or change shape. They both observed it for around ten minutes where-upon they both lost interest in it and walked on. The time was 3.30pm.

In late September I received a telephone call from Councillor Billy Buchanan who is assisting SPI with the collection of UFO reports from his area. He informed me that a `whole street´ in Falkirk was out watching a strange object in the night sky and would I contact a Mrs Jane Shaw.

U.F.O.s return

UFOS are back in the news in Falkirk District — and claiming more 'believers'.

On Thursday evening, a clear night, dozens of local people reported seeing a strange diamond-shaped light in the sky. They watched it for well over an hour before disappearing as suddenly as it came.

Now one local councillor says he is determined to force an explanation for the recurring phenomena.

Bonnybridge councillor Billy Buchanan, who has been charting the UFO sightings in the area for nearly two years, is fed up waiting for a response from the Ministry of Defence and says he is going to take the matter up with Prime Minister John Major.

Said Billy: "My phone was buzzing on Thursday night between 9.30 and 11 p.m. People spoke of a bright, diamond-shaped light whirling about in the sky. And some people were concerned enough to telephone the local police."

One local woman who got a clear view of the object in the sky was 24-year-old Jane Shaw, of Comely Place in Falkirk. It was boyfriend Douglas Hay (20) who first spotted the curious white light in the sky as he loooked out from the balcony of the couple's flat.

Said Jane: " He called on me to have a look and I couldn't believe my eyes. I've never believed in UFOs but now I'm having to think again. There just was no logical explanation for what we saw."

Neighbours of the couple also rushed out to have a look.

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This I did, and sure enough, Jane, with others on the 22nd of September, witnessed a strange "diamond shaped light". I also contacted the local police in the possibility that perhaps other individuals had contacted them with their sighting. No one, apart from Jane Shaw herself, had contacted the police. These particular sightings are still currently under Investigation.

BILLY CONTACTS THE PRIME MINISTER.

Councillor Billy Buchanan is a man who works tirelessly for Bonnybridge District and usually gets things done quick. But he is at a loss to provide an explanation to his constituents of whom he represents, in regards to the spate of UFO sightings over Falkirk District. I can´t provide him with that answer, for if I could, then there would be no UFO problem !

Billy Buchanan and I, have already contacted the Ministry of Defence in London in regards to these sightings, the MoD themselves can not shed any light on them, and in any case, they don´t represent a threat to British Air-space, (or that´s what they keep telling us !).

Desperate for an answer, or at least a Government enquiry, Councillor Billy Buchanan has written a letter to the British Prime Minister John Major, informing him about the ongoing UFO sightings in his district, and urging him, in his capacity of Prime Minister, to pull strings and get an

immediate enquiry underway. We at SPI are hopefull that Prime Minister John Major will take this request seriously for if not, then both Billy and I aim to take our case down to 10 Downing Street in person and present him with all our documentation, (photo-copied of course !) I´ve always said that if you have no cheek, then you have no chance, nothing ventured, nothing gained. One will never get anything done by sitting on their back-side. And so in this major, (exuse the pun) step, we hope to draw further attention to the on-going UFO sightings in Bonnybridge and Central Scotland. We´ll keep you posted.

Report by Malcolm Robinson.

GIVE US MAJOR PROBE ON UFOs

UFO spotters have urged John Major to launch a probe into their spooky sightings — because they're sick of being branded a bunch of loonies.

Hundreds of villagers have spotted flashing lights and flying objects in the sky above Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire. Their claims sparked interest from paranormal experts around the world — as well as inspiring a Channel 4 documentary.

By SUN REPORTER

But councillor Billy Buchanan claims the media circus has made locals look as if they're bonkers.

Now he's written to Downing Street in the hope that a serious study will be carried out.

Labour councillor Billy said: "The local people and the village have suffered cruelly from ridi-

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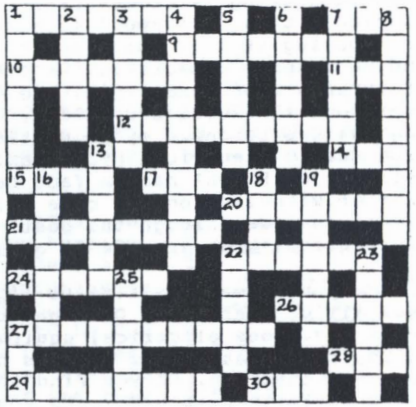

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ELECTRICAL HYPERSENSITIVITY.

by albert budden.

It was with great interest that I read"Strange And Unknown" in the last edition of ENIGMAS, (Issue 37, August-September 1994). This account told of the strange experiences of Susan Young, which had occured throughout her life. However, they are typical of many accounts I have received from individuals who are exposed to high levels of electromagnetic fields at what are known as "hot spots". Such "hot spot" locations can be near pylons and other power sources, such as transformers or sub-stations, or at certain distances from radio-masts, transmitters, radar installations, radio hams, C.B. radio, mini-cab offices, police stations etc. Whilst the presence of such "hot spots" mean little on their own, as they are everywhere, I have found that individuals like Susan Young, also suffer from a range of symptoms that are typical of a condition called `electrical hypersensitivity´and `multiple allergy´ and that their experiences are caused by a combination of this treatable syndrome and high levels of electromagnetic fields at "hot spots".

Such reoccuring symptoms across populations of people like Susan Young coupled with a "hot spot" location, is certainly not coincidence, as we are looking at a 12 point match in many cases. But what matching symptoms and "hot spot" aspects are we looking for in samples of these experiencers of strange phenomena ? (ie, the Susan Young´s of this world). In my recent book ALLERGIES AND ALIENS, I list the 25 questions to be used by Investigators to check my prediction that these strange experiences are in fact due to electrical hypersensitivity and "hot spot" activity. Ken Phillips of BUFORA has in fact been presenting the 25 questions to a number of witnesses on his case files, and although he has used only cold questionnaires through the post, his preliminary results show a confirmatory trend. What are the 25 questions ? They are as follows.

1. Are your eyes sensitive to light ? 2. Does fluorescent light make you feel ill or tierd ? 3. Do light bulbs seem to last a short time in your house ? 4. Does electrical equipment come on and off in your house ? 5. Do you find that quartz watches or other types of watch, do not work when you wear them ? 6. Do you find that you cannot wear nylon and only feel comfortable in cotton ? 7. Do you sometimes get the overwhelming feeling that someone or something is in the room with you although you cannot see anything ? 8. Are you sensitive to domestic gas ? 9. Are you sensitive to things like perfume, after-shave, make-up, petrol, paint fumes, aerosols ?

10. Do certain kinds of food or drink make you ill ? 11. Do you have periods of time of which you cannot account for ? 12. Does time sometimes seem to slow down or passin a flash ? 13. Do you get painful electrical rippling sensations under the skin ? 14. Do you write all your experiences down or write poetry ? 15. Do you have Deja-Vu strongly and often ? 16. Do you see balls of light in your house ? 17. Are you sensative to lightning or overhead planes ? 18. Have you ever been close to a lightning strike, ball lightning, been electrocuted when younger ? 19. If not, was your mother close to lightning when she was pregnant with you ? 20. Were you premature as a baby ?

21. Do you have diabetic tendancies ? 22. Do you live near pylons, a radio mast, telecommunication towers, an electrical sub-station etc ? 23. Do you find that the hair on your body sometimes stands on end ? 24. Are you nervous about being electrocuted ? 25. Do you have a history of psychic experiences ? There are other indicating questions that I could add to this, such as : (a) Do you get a metallic taste in the mouth sometimes ? (b) Do you sometimes suddenly see a blinding white light ?

I have predicted that abductees/contactees will answer "yes" to most of these questions, and I will predict here that Susan Young will also, as they detect electrical hypersensitivity and hot spot activity. You might at this stage be asking yourself what these "hot spots" and electrical hypersensitivity (EH) have to do with visitations by aliens or other entities. The point is this. Because the (EH) individual is especially sensitive to the electrical fields from pylons, radio masts, etc, their body and brain reacts by hallucinating such figures and experiences, and these realities are frequently so vivid, that they are indistinguishable from reality. However, in addition to such startling perceptions, electrical fields at "hot spots" produce other effects on the brain and body as well as weird disturbances to the home environment. Let us look at some examples of both in the account of Susan Young.

(1) One of the symptoms of (EH) is the development of automatic behaviour where the individual "blacks-out" and carries on with some activity and later has no memory of it. Susan describes a typical episode where she had a vague sense that something had happened, and had dirt on her hands and feet. Such "walkabouts" have been videoed by medical researchers into (EH) for training purposes.

2. The droning noise is also typical of (EH), and is a phenomenon called radar or microwave hearing, This is where the auditory range is extended, and the (EH) individual is able to detect microwave fields as a hum, whistle, whine, or sometimes morse code like signals. This is thought to be due to a vibration set up in the tiny bones in the ear. At high levels these concentrated beams of electromagnetic energy, can also make objects in the room vibrate. These effects are associated with airport homing beacons, or radar from military fields.

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3. Bright lights in the sky are also associated with "hot spots", and are a kind of unclassified atmospheric phenomenon called electroforms. They certainly seem to be a by-product of electronic pollution, as a form of artificial ball lightning. The "space-craft" and faces, are typical hallucinatory perceptions, (or visual seizures), due to electrical field exposure.

4. The bright white light has been nicknamed "the exploding head syndrome" by some doctors who have had it repeatedly reported by their patients. It is caused by the artificial stimulation of the visual cortex area of the brain by electrical fields.

5. "I could hear parts of conversations that were being held several doors away. I could read the registration numbers of cars that were passing outside. I also started "seeing" in quite graphic detail, events that were about to take place, such as motorway accidents, train crashes etc". (EH) individuals develop heightened sensitivities generally, and their hearing becomes extremely acute at times. This is known as hyper-aesthesia. However, they also have auditory hallucinations, and this is a more likely explanation than super-sensative hearing. Also, all of the (EH) individuals I have interviewed, have some type of ESP experiences, or seem to. I am not sure how this works yet, but it is as if they are able to scan the environment and detect information. Precognition is frequently reported, but there have been no test cases to confirm it yet. They may just `feel´that they know of events in the future, but this issue is by no means settled.

6. (EH) causes the body to emit electrical fields itself, and this causes electrical equipment to malfunction. Susan reports this between the ages of 13-16. Computor companies refer to this as, "electronic compatibility". Also, power surges occur at "hot spot" locations, and electrical equipment turns itself off and on, and Susan reports this. Similarly, sudden surges of magnetic fields from nearby transmitting stations, can cause objects to move, eg, doors open and close. Susan reports that a dolls pram wheeled itself up and down the hallway.

7. The knocking effect so commonly reported in "hot spot" locations is caused by magnetostrictive processes. When the materials that a building is made from is subjected to a powerful magnetic field which then suddenly drops, anauditory sound wave is produced by this sudden de-magnetisation. This is called the page effect, and may take the form of loud snapping, or clicking noises, depending on the type of material and its thickness.

8. Glowing balls of light of various descriptions, seen in the rooms of the home of the experiencer, are either real physical centres of electromagnetic energy, a type of electroform, or are entirely hallucinatory and are known as visual seizures. These seizures take place because external electrical fields irradiate the brain and stimulate it artificially, as the skull is entirely transparent to such fields.

9. Strange noises can also be the direct effects of an electromagnetic field on objects, causing them to vibrate or to display the page effect as described. Rapid magnetisation and de-magnetisation, can create a continuous auditory effect.

10. "Susan" reports that the kettle and cooker came on mysteriously. This is typical "hot spot" activity, and is caused by power surges through the house activating the circuitry. I could go on like this, identifying the various effects described. All are due to electronic pollution and its effects on the brain/body and the environment.

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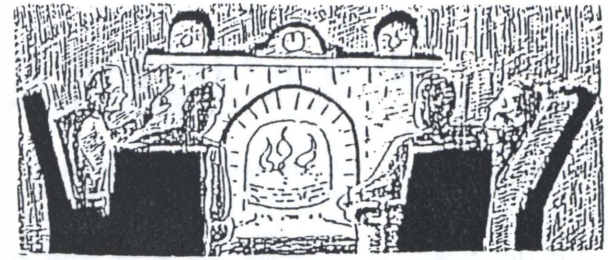

Fireside Tales (but true).!

FLASHING TO UFOs !

A long time ago (1979) I had an experience with a flashlight, one of the bigger lensed ones and I thought that you´d like to know about it considering, and in the light of your skywatch with Derek Lauder mentioned in the last issue of ENIGMAS. While living out in the desert near Texas, we got used to seeing funny lights in the sky and hearing reports about UFOs. There was a special place called Indian Cliffs It is quite built up now so I´m told. Back then, it was a very wide expanse of desert land, deserted.

You could view the sky unobstructed for many miles, and many reported seeing strange lights dancing around out there. One night I decided I wanted to try flashing at these lights. It is quite a long way into the desert and I finally convinced two friends to come with me. I decided to use the standard morse code flashing, so the three of us, armed with pens, pads, and this flashlight, went out to Indian Cliffs.

I decided that I would flash AMO (meaning love) along with K. (invitation to transmit), so I did that. I had my code handy in case I decided that I wanted to add something. . Anyway, the first two nights we saw nothing, but on the third night, it, (there was only one). came. It was very large, very bright, and glided in and positioned itself directly in front of us. I flashed, and so did "it". I might tell you that we were pretty scared. I flashed, and my two friends, (one a retired postal worker, and the other a retired LVN nurse) looked on. "Their" flashes came very quickly without pause, and we didn´t know whether we were getting morse code or not. But when we finally seperated it, for the most part it made sense and we couldn´t believe it. Some of it we couldn´t understand, it had no meaning to us, such as the "V".

I was so excited. I couldn´t get anyone to take me back as the "flashes" had requested for the following wednesday night. These two people would not go, and though several other friends were interested, they were too frightened to go. To this day, I wonder what would have happened (if anything) if we had have returned as requested.

Lee Walsh, Damariscotta, ME, U.S.A.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC, BUT FROM WHERE ?

One night as I was settling down to sleep, I became aware of hearing music. I suffer from Tinnitus and thought what a pleasant change it was to hear the sound of rushing water and whistling that I usually get. It sounded like an orchestra being conducted by a composer who was trying to get each instrument played to perfection. I can only describe the music played, as heavenly, and perhaps the conductor being the great "master" himself !

For a few weeks the music was very soft, sweet, and low, then gradually as the time went on, it gradually started to get louder and louder, until one night I was compelled to get out of bed and go to the window and look out to see if the music was being played by a band in the street, of course it wasn't, there was nobody out there, I turned around to go back to bed with the music still playing as loud. I happened to glance at my wardrobe, and there I saw a "building" gradually manifesting itself whilst the music was getting softer.

When the building was finally built up, it was either a temple or a cathedral. It was one of the most beautiful buildings that I have ever seen. It seemed to be made of some sort of solid hard glittering frost, there were no shadows around it. It seemed to throw a powerful light, much brighter than any man made artificial light. As I gazed at it, the atmosphere around me felt Holy, and I felt a great feeling of peace.

After about a minute or two, it gradually faded, the music got softer and softer, until there was no music at all, and this beautiful creation had gone too. I have never seen it again, though I was still hearing the music every night. By this time the music was getting so loud, it was deafening, until I just had to sit up in bed, holding my hands to my ears as though I feared my ear drums would burst. And I said, "please play a little softer, you are almost making me deaf". With that, the music abruptly stopped.

I don't know who I must have offended or if I said the wrong thing, as from then until today, I have'nt heard it since, nor have I seen that wonderful creation. I have said prayers, and have begged it to come back, but to no avail. I still have the Tittinus with its rushing water sound and the whisteling, a poor return for the privelege of what I have lost.

Mrs B. Murkoff, London, England.

OLD LADY PROVES SPIRIT SURVIVAL.

In the last war, my mother took a flat to be able to live next to my grandmother. An old lady had owned the flat but was in hospital at the time. My mother was sitting up in bed late one night with my two older sisters who were asleep. Mum looked up, and standing at the end of the bed was the old lady who was supposed to be in hospital. She said to my mother, "Do not be afraid Hilda, I will not harm you".

My mother felt no fear, and she looked again but the old lady was gone. Next morning, she saw the old lady's daughter who said to mum, "I have some bad news for you, my mum, (the old lady mum had seen), died last night". The night my mum saw her. This is a true story and my mother has never forgotten it.

Mrs Patricia Lines, Lanchester, Durham, England.

IT'S O.K. IT'S ONLY UNCLE JOHN !

At the age of 16, I had attended my grandmother's funeral, subsequently for one reason or another, I became alone in her house after the burial In this house there was an unusual attic, where a doorway in the downstairs passage way, led to stairs that went to the attic, which was situated directly above the kitchen. Whilst sat in the kitchen, I heard heavy repeating groans of a man. This occured with an incredible loud thumping sound, as if someone was throwing a heavy object on the attic floor.

This went on for around 25 minutes. I was so frightened that I gripped a nearby grass crucifix which didn't subdue the noise. Once after family members had returned, the sound stopped. I later told my mother about it and she replied "That sounds like my uncle John, he was a collier, and every friday he got blind drunk. He slept in the attic, and that's exactly how he used to sound after returning from the pub. He was very gentle and wouldn't hurt anybody. I later discovered that my great uncle had been 30 years in the spirit world at the time I heard him.

John, R, Mallon. Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.

S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.

SPI KILSYTH HAUNTING CASE AUGUST 1994. REPORT BY MALCOLM ROBINSON.

Thanks to Mark Hawthorne, an SPI member from Kilsyth who passed on to SPI a front page news item from his local newspaper the Kilsyth Chronicle, SPI again found themselves on yet another intriguing ghostly case. Upon receiving this newscutting, I immediately sent a letter to the woman concerned, miss Patricia Canavan (21) and explained all about SPI and how we could hopefully help her situation. Not long after, I was contacted by Patricia, who was so glad that I was taking her claims seriously and was `over the moon' of the help being offered.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN.

On the 8th of August 1994, SPI consisting of, our psychic Helen Walters, Billy Devlin researcher, and myself, visited Patricia Canavan's home in Kilsyth, and the following are the facts obtained . Patricia moved into this house in Kirklands Crescent Kilsyth back in September 1992 with her two kids, Christopher aged two, and nine month old Danielle. Soon after moving in she noticed that no matter how high the heating would be turned up, the rooms always appeared cold. Before moving in, Patricia was told by children playing in the street outside this house, that they could see the figure of a man standing at a bedroom window, yet the house was completely empty ! As if the coldness wasn't bad enough, taps began to turn themselves on and off, lights would be switched on and off, and the stereo and video recorder would come on of their own accord.

Initially Patricia thought that she was imagining all this, but after checking that everything was switched off with the help of her sister Elizabeth (24) upon returning back to the house from a shopping trip, they would find certain things switched on again. Things intensified with the toilet being flushed when nobody was in the bathroom, door handles moving in a downward manner of their own accord, windows being chapped, toys being moved, on some occasions, Patricia would put certain items down, only to return and find that they had vanished, these items would return but would turn up in completely different locations.

Patricia soon began to realise that she was sharing her home with unseen occupants. This all became apparent when her two year old son Christopher, started talking to someone she couldn't see, sometimes he would be fine with this, but on other occasions he would come crying to his mother saying that there was a "man" in his bed. Soon Patricia herself began to experience directly, the strange sensations of unseen precenses. On some occasions her clothes would be pulled in a downward manner, she felt breathing on her neck and face, mostly at night, someone, or "something" ! woke her up one night by `jumping on her bed'.

PATRICIA CANAVAN.

Patricia went on to inform SPI, that she always saw shadows from the corner of her eye as if someone had just walked by. Once she saw a "man" standing behind her front door who was `reflected' in her hall mirror. When she looked again, he was `gone'. She noticed that just before events would begin, the room would go suddenly cold. She told her local Kilsyth Chronicle,..."It's like being outside on a freezing cold day, you can hardly breathe. It's a terrifying experience". Not only were these strange ghostly events occuring to Patricia and her children, but Patricia's boyfriend Derek Walker (22)

was himself subjected to a "ghostly presence". Derek was sleeping in his bed with the covers pulled down over his bare back. He awoke to the sensation of a cold and clammy "hand" being placed on his back, this gave him quite a start as he informed SPI. On one occasion, Patricia´s sister Elizabeth was staying with them and she too, was subjected to "something" ! She awoke from her sleep to the sensation of someone tapping on her back, upon turning over, she was startled and shocked to see the figure of an old man leaning over her bed. At other times Patricia would walk into her home and hear her name being called, yet no-one else was in the home with her, neighbours would complain of hearing a baby crying from within her home, yet again, no-one was at home when this baby was heard. Also the neighbours complained of a blaring T.V. and of hearing loud music.from within Patricia´s home, and on every occasion on which this happened the house was empty.

A HAUNTING REPUTATION !

Making enquiries, Patricia found out that her house was supposedly haunted, and I´ve already mentioned about the children playing in the street who claim to have seen a man staring at them from a window. She was also informed by a friend, that the block of houses of which she lived in, was called the "haunted block", and that the house next door to her was having trouble with their gas being turned on and off. No one could get under the ground to turn the gas back on except the gas board, who were continually being called out and could offer no satisfactory explanation. The house upstairs from Patricia, had a ghost which threw a man out of his bed. The previous tennant of Patricia´s home, apparently was also subjected to strange ghostly experiences. And this woman´s child, (a young baby) would not sleep in her room, she was always crying. This lady was later to flee the house never to return, and incredibly, she left all the house-hold furnishings behind !

The events just described and more, much more, were taking there toll on Patricia, and her general health began to suffer. She started taking anti-depressents for her nerves, and her asthma, which was of a mild variety, began to get steadily worse. She approached the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council and asked that she be re-housed and although they listened with understanding to her plight, explained that she would just have to go through the same procedure as anybody else. Her local paper soon got wind of the story, (not from Patricia I might add) and this is where SPI comes into the story.

THE SPI INVESTIGATION BEGINS.

After listening to the many strange events relayed by Patricia, her sister Elizabeth, Patricia´s boyfriend Derek, and Elizabeth´s boyfriend Martin McDonald, we explained that SPI would be back in the capacity of gaining further information through our psychic medium Helen Walters and we explained our need to spend a full night alone in the house, not only to obtain more valuable information, but ultimately to move such spirit "presences" on to their rightful place. This was agreed, and a date was sent for the return of SPI.

THE SCOTTISH PRESS GET WIND OF THE STORY.

A few day´s later, an emotional and somewhat distressed Patricia Canavan, telephoned me and informed me that "things were getting worse", and could I possibly bring forward the date that we arranged. Accepting the worsening situation, I agreed, and a new date was set. Now at this point, Patricia was at her wit´s end, and perhaps foolishly she contacted the Scottish Daily Record newspaper to highlight her problem and with the added expectations that she could perhaps "shake up" the local District Council into providing her with alternative accomodation. Helen Walters and I, were none too pleased at the Daily Record being contacted, if publicity was to be generated, we would have

prefered it to have been generated `after the event´ rather than before. The cat was now well and truly `out of the bag´ ! The Record published an article relating to Patricia´s ghostly problems, of which the title, in bold letters was, "I WANT AN EXORCIST". The story capitalised on the fact that Patricia lived next to an old grave yard and that a local Priest, Father Jeremy Bath mentioned.."It´s too soon to say if an exorcism will be carried out". It didn´t state the fact that he had already blessed the house and yet still the events occured. A day or so later, I received a telephone call from the Daily Record who had learned of SPI`s involement, I was interviewed over the phone, and the next day another large article appeared, this time the heading was, "PAT GETS READY TO SPOOK HER GHOSTS" subtitled, "EXORCISTS MOVING IN". Never at any time did I, or any members of SPI, say that we were "exorcists", we stated clearly that we were researchers,.out to collect evidence, and hopefully ease the situation if not clear it entirely. But there you are, suddenly I was an exorcist, "oh the shame of it all" ! The following day, yet a further large article appeared in the Daily Record, of which the heading this time was..."GHOSTBUSTER, MALCOLM´S OUT TO END HAUNTED HOUSE ORDEAL". I stated in this article, that most ghosts are "Earth-bound" entities, spirits who don´t realise that they´re dead, and that what we do, is to get them to realise that they have passed on, and that there is a better place for them to go.

JOURNALISTS GALORE. !

The eyes of Scotland were now looking at this case, would these intrepid "ghostbusters" get rid of the ghosts ? I´m sure that we were the talk of many a household over the course of these few days. I then started to receive telephone calls from various newspapers, all wanting to get in on the act. "Could we come along and spend the night at your `ghost-bust´" was the often repeated phrase. A simple "no" was our answer. However after much discussion, we felt that perhaps maybe we should let a newspaper become involved, only if they promised to cover the story with honesty and sincerity, the aim being, to inform Joe Public that these cases are real and demand serious attention. Foolishly (with hindsight) we chose the Scottish SUN Newspaper, a decision we were later to regret.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN !

HELEN WALTERS.

And so on Tuesday the 16th of August, I along with Billy Devlin, his brother Tony Devlin, (a keen amateur photographer) and our psychic Helen Walters, set off for Kilsyth. We arrived at 11.55pm and were met at the door by Patricia, her sister Elizabeth, and Derek Walker and Martin McDonald, also there was Alan Muir, a reporter with the SUN and his photographer. After a short period of discussion, my first task was to place white sheets of paper under some household ornaments. Then draw a line under the bottom circumference of these ornaments, reason being, should paranormal activity occur, then perhaps it might move certain ornaments, and if the movement of these ornaments were outwith the drawn circumference and we couldn´t account for it naturally, then what would this leave us ?

We also placed compasses within the home, for it´s been stated by other researchers that sometimes compass needles spin when paranormal activity occurs. Thermometers were also used, to detect any fall in temperature. I placed paper clips in single lines to see if later they had moved, or even formed new designs ! Sometimes, as has been reported, they have even been known to "inter-lock". Two video cameras were taken to the home, as were a number of 35mm cameras. Sticky tape was used to seal up window

areas for any possible draughts which might come in and be misconstrued as "strange ghostly breezes". At this point, Patricia, her boyfriend and freinds, left the house informing us that they would return in the morning to see how we got on. Soon it was down to business, and I quietly gave instructions to Billy, Tony and Helen, of where I wanted them. Helen would take up position in the kids bedroom, scene of most of the disturbances. Billy was to position himself in Patricia´s bedroom, and Billy´s brother Tony, had the honour of sitting alone on a stool in the hall. Both the SUN photographer and reporter remained with me in the living room.

A GHOSTLY BREEZE ?

Once we were all settled down into our respective places, I switched off all the lights, complete blackness was ałaround, you could hardly see your hand in front of your face, only the faint flashing numbers on the video recorder, penetrated this inky blackness. All was silent, would anything happen I asked myself ? What a great opportunity if it did, for not only did we have a newspaper reporter with us, but we had their photographer as well. The minutes ticked away, and silence still prevailed. I spoke softly into my hand held audio tape-recorder, stating that, if spirit was here, could they please make their presence felt by either materialising, or by making noises within the home. Brave words, considering that I had forgot my smelling salts !! Suddenly, a small breeze "flitted" (wafted) over my face. There was no denying it, it was like as if someone had just come up close and blown directly into your face. This, I must admit startled me, and I gave out a small gasp; and although I had the two Sun newspaper men in the room with me, they hadn´t moved from there respective chairs. I asked each one if they had blown air across the room in my direction, both replied that they had not.

Composing myself, I again asked into the audio tape for spirit to make themselves known or to leave their voice on the audio tape. I explained that we were here to help them to move on and reach a higher plane of existence. Still silence, you could have heard a pin drop. After a period of minutes, I got up and walked through to see how both Billy and Tony were getting on. Both Tony and Billy hadn´t experienced anything strange. I then checked in on Helen who informed me that she had felt a "cob-webby touch" on her face, and had seen small bright lights flitting about in the air.

MALCOLM ROBINSON CHECKS FOR MOVEMENT OF OBJECTS. (c) Sun

I returned to the livingroom to find, or rather to hear, the sound of the Sun photographer snoring. Here we were, trying to make contact with the next world, and this chap´s in slumberland, ah the excitement of it all. A few hours later we took a break and discussed with one-another what each of us had heard, felt, or sensed, and apart from Helen´s experiences and my breeze on my face, things were fairly quiet. Soon after our break, the Sun men left saying that they had to get their story together, even although they were leaving before we had finished our work. Before they left however, I got reporter Alan Muir of the Sun, to promise to me that he would do a fair, honest and sensible write up of our Investigation. Alan Muir promised that he would, and like a fool I believed him.

SANDY MAKES CONTACT.

After our coffee break, Helen Tony Billy and myself, all went into the front bedroom (where Helen had been most of the night). Helen had brought with her, a number of items which she felt would benifit this Investigation, namely, incense, Holy water and a most beautiful crystal ball which was supported by four golden horses. Once we had positioned ourselves in the room, we all sat in silence giving our thoughts out to spirit, asking them to cummunicate. Soon after, Helen again saw small bright lights

Billy too, claimed that he could see these lights, (I myself saw nothing nor did Tony). Some minutes later, and Billy Devlin proved that he had nerves of steel as Helen calmly said across the darkened room, .."Billy, don´t be alarmed, but there is an old man with a pipe in his mouth superimposing his face over yours.." How Billy remained calm after being told this I´ll never know ! It was evident that spirit was clearly here, more so when Helen psychically picked up a young boy around four or five years of age with fair coloured hair who gave out the name, Sandy. Sandy was quite distressed, and Helen said that she saw tears running down his cheeks. A feeling of loneliness surrounded Sandy which was overwhelming. It could be speculated that this young spirit child was making his presence felt in the home, not only to Patricia, but to her young son as well. After a further period of minutes, Helen then played an audio tape of spiritual type music to help generate the conditions further for psychic events to occur after which Helen felt that now was the time to get on with our "cleansing process", (Helen and I prefer this word to "ghost-bust" or "spirit-rescue".)

RELUCTANT TO GO !

To assist in our "cleansing process", we commandeered Patricia´s large wooden kitchen table which we brought into the bedroom and to which we placed Helen´s crystal ball. In the shady darkness, we all spread our fingers out and touched each other´s hands, and a general sense of purpose was felt. We were here to help, and by golly we would give it our best shot. Soon after we had joined hands, Helen proceeded to say the Lord´s prayer, after which she then went into a long versed "cleansing prayer". With calm emotion and purpose, Helen asked for the release of these `earth-bound´ spirits to move away and to go forward into the light. Listening to this was really something and as I looked towards both Billy and Tony, I wondered what would happen next.

The atmosphere in the room was tense, so tense as to be almost unreal in it´s feel. Helen then stood up and appeared to be pushed forward. Eventually the words stopped and all was quiet. All eyes were now on Helen. Helen proceeded to inform us that she had made contact and moved on two adults and also this young boy Sandy. "These spirits were not related", stated Helen, "but were making their presence felt on the family". However, much as she was glad that she had `moved on´ these three spirit individuals, she stated.."One´s not wanting to go, I´ve still got an elderly gentleman here. He doesn´t like what I´m doing, it may have been him that pushed me, I´ll now have to say the whole prayer over again"....And with that, Helen composed herself, rejoined sitting at the table, and we once again joined hands. After completion of the prayer Helen said..."He´s gone, I do not feel any spirit presence here at all".

Again one could speculate and say that perhaps this elderly gentleman, was the man that Patricia´s sister Elizabeth saw bending over her bed. He could even have been the elderly gentleman that Patricia herself saw reflected in the hallway mirror. But it was over. The morning light streamed in through the thin textured bedroom curtains and spread its light over four individuals who were happy in the knowledge that they had successfully `moved on´ the spirit people from the family home. To make sure however, I followed Helen about the house going from room to room and asking her could she feel anything ? Her reply from every room in the house, was a firm "no"

PATRICIA RETURNS.

Some time later, Patricia returned with her boyfriend and asked us how we had got on. I was instructed by Helen, not to tell her anything until she herself had went from room to room. Patricia then replied to my question on how she felt by saying, .."It feels warm, I don´t feel anything here". We then told her what we had done and that once we had left her home, for to wait a few days then telephone me informing SPI if anything further had occured. SPI are happy to say that nothing further, (of the strange

variety !) has occured at her home, and things are once again back to normal.

SHODDY JOURNALISM.

A couple of day´s later, (August 18th) The Scottish Sun Newspaper headlined it´s report as....IS ANYBODY THERE ? subtitled...HELEN SAYS YES. ALL I HEARD WAS THE SUN MAN SNORING. This, and I can´t bring myself to use the word article, but can think of some more appropriate terminology; used typical `tounge in cheek´ innuendo journalism with remarks to describe Patricia´s home as a "Ghouls Paradise". I was put down as an In(spectre). The whole tone of the article was of one big send up. How can anyone treat the subject of psychic research seriously after reading such dribble ? I won´t dwell on this article, all I will say however, is that SPI have learned a valuable lesson, that of "not to listen to newspaper promises". We at SPI, will never work with the Scottish Sun newspaper again, we should have known better, but there you are. The trust was there from us to them, that trust was misused.

Anyway, finishing on a positive note. SPI completed it´s Investigation successfully, and I´m sure that the tears of young Sandy, will now be tears of joy as he and those other spirit individuals take up their rightfull place in the afterlife. God bless you.

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MAGAZINE REVIEW.

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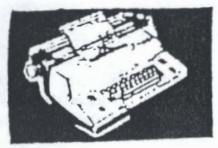

NORTHERN UFO NEWS, SEP.1994 The latest issue from Britain´s only full time UFOlogist has information on her departure from BUFORA´S Director of Investigations, who was behind it ? Also, a look at UFOs in the public eye. The latest on the "mysterious circles", and much more. £6.00 for 6. Send to Jenny´s "NEW ADDRESS". 11 Pike Court, Fleetwood, Lancashire, England, FY7 8QF.

THE SKEPTIC, VOL 8 No 3. The magazine from the `other side of the fence´! This issue brings you articles on, The Saucer Error, "The Myth of the Flying Saucer". Also an article on alleged "water cures" ! Plus the usual mish mash of the sceptical mind on paranormal phenomena. Subs are, £1.85 per single issue, £12.00 per yearly. Rest of the world, (surface) £15.50. Cheques payable to the SKEPTIC (Dept B) P.O. Box 475, Manchester, England, M60 2TH, U.K.

FORTEAN TIMES No 76. One of my favourite magazines. If you are into the paranormal and your subject isn´t covered in here, then I´11 eat my hat. This has it all. Ghosts, UFOs, Nessie, Unknown Animals, Angels ! and strange falls from the sky. Single issue U.K. £2.00. One year subscription £12.00. EC £15.00. USA $30.00. Cheques payable to; John Brown Publishing, FREEPOST (only in U.K.) (SW6096) Frome, Somerset, England, BA11. 1YA. U.S. subscriptions to, Fenner Reed & Jackson, P.O. Box 754, Manhasset NY.

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SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP NEWSLETTER, AUGUST 1994. Editor Steve Gerrard compiles one of Britain´s only monthly newsletters devoted to UFOs and crop circles. It also contains news items from the press on these subjects and much more, it´s a good wee read. Subscription is £5.00 per year. Write to, Steve Gerrard, 25 Weston Grove Road, Woolston, Southampton, Hampshire, England, SO2 9EE.

ANNALS. JULY/SEPTEMBER 1994. I´ve said it before, this is another "mini" Fortean Times, and crams much into it´s 27 pages, items of the variety of which it´s big brother F.T. features. Editor Gerry Lovell has got the right formula here, from Crypto Corner, (strange winged creatures, sea monsters, Unicorn´s etc) to haunted hotels. £6.00 for four issues, £1.50 for a single issue. Write to, Gerry Lovell, 8 St John Street, Wells, Somerset, England, BA5 1SW.

ANIMALS & MEN. No 2. This is the Journal of the Centre for Fortean Zoology, of which Editor Jonathan Downes does a fine job of bringing to the attention of the public, information relating to strange and exotic creatures, namely, Plesiosaurs, mystery cats in Britain, and much more. Subs are, £1.50 per single issue, £6.00 per year (UK) U.S. $9.00 per year. Cheques payable to A&J Downes, 15 Holne Court, Exwick, Exeter, Devonshire, England, EX4 2NA.

THE CROP WATCHER, SUMMER 1994. Seasoned "Croppie" Paul Fuller, produces one of the better crop circle mags around, although whether the interest in crop circles will be with us in five years time is another matter. Still circle phenomena is still with us, and to catch up on the latest, one could do no worse than to subscribe to this one. Subs are, £1.50 single issue (UK) £6.00 per year (UK). Cheques payable to, Paul Fuller, 3 Selborne Court, Tavistock Close, Romsey, Hampshire, England, SO51 7TY.

INFO JOURNAL 70, JANUARY 1994. From America comes the INFO JOURNAL, the magazine of the International Fortean Organisation. Again a publication dealing specifically on strange and unknown "beasts" (similar to Animals & Men reviewed this page). This 62 page A4 Journal, also has articles on "Ringing Rocks" ! and a most fascinating article on the actual building blocks of the pyramids, what were they really made out of, and how ? Subs are, $12.00 4 issues U.S. citezens. $16.00 foreign citezens. Send to, The INFO Journal, P.O. Box 367, Arlington, VA, 22210-0367, U.S.A.

BILL KNELL´S UFO NEWSLETTER. 28A. This is a five page newsletter on UFOs with information on UFOs in Canada, the Guardian Caper ! and info on Bob Oeschler, published 12 to 15 times a year. U.S. subscription, $30.00, this also includes a free video on UFO history. U.K. subscription is $40.00. Send to, Bill Knell, 164-22 77th Road, Flushing, NY,11365, U.S.A.

MAGONIA 50, SEPTEMBER 1994. Magonia is Edited by seasoned researcher John Rimmer. This issue takes in Alienating Fancies, which looks at the Extra-terrestrial mythos. Screen Memories, (how UFOlogists can make a pigs ear of reporting UFO cases) and much more. This mag gives a more sceptical view of UFOlogy and for that matter is recommended. Subs are. 95 pence single issue (UK) £4.00 per year. U.S.A. $10.00 per year. Cheques payable to John Rimmer, John Dee Cottage, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake Churchyard, London, England, SW14 8HB.

GHOST TRACKERS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1994. For those who are into things that

go "bump" in the night, then this magazine's for you. Editor Dale Kaczmarek compiles 24 pages of gripping ghostly stories mostly from America although I've had a few articles featured in here of late. This magazine comes from an active research group and deserves your attention. Subs are, $12.00 per annum. Write to, Ghost Research Society, P.O. Box 205, Oak Lawn, IL, 60454-0205, United States Of America.

ANDOVER UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA NEWSLETTER JUNE 1994. A fine five page newsletter dealing specifically with UFO sightings. It also contains info on group meetings and other items relevant to UFOlogy. Postal price per copy is 75 pence, group membership is £3.00 per annum. Write to, Malcolm Terry, 13, Newbury Road, Enham Alamein, Andover, Hampshire, England, SP11 gHQ.

AURA-Z, VOL 1 No 4. UFO and paranormal magazines are few and far between coming out of Soviet Russia, and so it's a treat to exchange with this one. It's 96 pages, (yes 96 !) are crammed full of interesting items relating to UFOs, Hypnosis, the brain and magnets, Guardian Angels, Humans and plants and much more. This magazine is published in English, French, Spanish and Russian. Subscription for one year (Europe) is, 50 FS/33 USD. Write to their English address which is, AURA-Z c/o Post International Inc 44 Clerkenwell Road, London, England, EC1M 5PS.

MUFON UFO JOURNAL.AUGUST 1994. From the World's largest UFO group comes the MUFON Journal. This issue sees articles on MUFON'S 1994 UFO Symposium which apparently went down really well and was well attended, also more on Roswell, (the plot thickens !) and the usual sprinkling of UFO cases. Subs are. $25.00 for 12 (USA) $30.00 for 12 (foreign). Write to, MUFON 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin TX, 78155-4099, United States Of America.

THE MISSING LINK, MAY/JUNE 1994. Another fine American UFO publication. which under the Editor-ship of Aileen McGilton, (married again Aileen !) brings forward more of the E.T. view rather than the actual objects seen themselves, and in this respect, no matter where your belief lies, is refreshing and interesting. Subs are, $25.00 per annum (USA) $30.00 per annum foreign. Write to, The Missing Link, 2406 Pilgrim Estates Drive, Texas City, TX, 77590, United States of America.

SK¥LINK No 8, AUGUST 1994. From the London UFO Studies comes the publication SKYLINK, which is absolutely jam packed with information on UFOs, E.Ts, Abductions, and crop circle formations during 1994. This magazine is highly recommended by SPI and should be in your collection. Subs are, £6.00 for 4 issues (UK) £1.50 single issue. $15.00 for 4 issues (USA). Write to, Roy Lake, 10A Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, England, 1G11 9RX.

JOURNAL OF SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION. JSE is the official publication of the International Society for Scientic Exploration, whose membership is drawn primarily from professional Ph.D and M.D. researchers in such fields as physics, astronomy, chemistry, biological sciences, engineering and medicine. JSE is published quarterly. $35.00 4 issues USA, $40.00 U.K. & Europe, 4 issues. Send to, Journal of Scientific Exploration, ERL 306, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 94305, United States Of America.

(Editor's Note, If any exchange magazine is not featured here, it means that at the time of print SPI has not received it, but we shall of course review your magazine in our next issue, which is, February-March 1995.

Slightly weird ...

(Editor's Note. Due to the fact that some of the letters I receive are quite lengthy, (too long for our Fireside Tales But True section). I've decided to feature the more lengthy letters in a new section entitled, "Slightly Weird", hope you enjoy the following batch.

ANGELS, GHOSTS, AND PARANORMAL PHENOMENA.

My first psychic experience was at four years of age, when my mother had "died" two years earlier, appeared to me as I was playing in the garden with another child. I remember suddenly looking over the field towards a clump of trees, and over the top of these, were my mother together with an angel, both were quite large and had beautiful smiles. They watched me for quite some time, then disappeared, and I've never seen them since. My second experience was at 22 years of age. I had just moved into a beautiful flat and couldn't believe my good fortune. The first two or three weeks were ideal, and then things which couldn't be explained, started to happen. As I was watching television I heard footsteps coming up the stairs, and as the flat was over a shop, and the building was detached, and I had my own seperate entrance, I knew something was wrong, but on Investigation, discovered nothing, and I put it down to my imagination.

However, as I arrived home from work the next evening, I was climbing the stairs, and there appeared to be a small "wizzened" face of a man wearing glasses looking at me, then it suddenly disappeared as I reached the top. That same night, I heard what I thought were chains being dragged along the landing as I lay in bed, but stopped outside my bedroom door. I got myself a cat, as I was told that if there was a ghost in the place, the cat would sense it. The cat literally screamed that night, and threw itself against my bedroom door. When I opened it, the animal had a look of terror in its eyes and was shaking. The next day it went out and never came back.

I then borrowed a friend's alsation dog who knew me well and of which I had looked after many times. The same thing happened. Growling and snarling was taking place from a placid old dog. Then he too started crying and throwing himself at my door. The next day he couldn't wait to get out, and he never again would come and stay with me. From that night on things got worse. Lights would be turned on in various rooms, the phone would ring during the night with no one at the other end. I had the wiring for both checked but nothing was amiss. Still the dragging noises continued, I was very frightened by this time but as I had put my savings and more furnishings into the flat, I was unable to move.

Not content with scaring me, the ghost not only kept up his dragging sound along the corridor until it reached my bedroom, but the door would suddenly open about 12 inches, then the wardrobe door would "swing open", and the key which was always in the wardrobe door disappeared. Then one day I arrived home from work to find that my wardrobe had been pushed to the other side of the room. I put it back in place and went to take a bath, and just as I was about to leave the bathroom, the whole ceiling fell and missed me by a hair's breadth, and on looking up, I again saw the "wizzened face" of that old man.

That same night, just after I went to bed, my door was suddenly thrown wide open with such force, that it hit the wall. I was literally stuck to the bed with fear, and after

five months in my home, I decided that I couldn´t take any more of these "happenings" and moved out selling what I could and leaving the rest. During my 57 years, I´ve had several unexplainable things happen, such as an electric kettle suddenly switching itself on and starting to boil, a knitting needle dropping to the floor never to be seen again. But never will I forget the awful five months at the flat which I envisaged as being my home for life. I tried desperately to disregard what was taking place night after night, but in the end I just had to quit.

Teresa Fleming, Dublin, Eire.

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GHOSTS, GHOSTS, AND MORE GHOSTS !

I would be around 27 years old at the time and I had moved into an old cottage without water or sink and we only had an earth toilet which was situated at the top of a large garden. My new neighbours who were middle aged, hadn´t said anything about the "vision" they had seen quite a number of times. I had a very intelligent alsation dog by the name of Rex, and he often went with me if it was dark to visit the toilet. Just around 6.30pm one evening, I went up the garden and as I started to walk down the path to go to the toilet, I saw a very tall nun, she was dressed in grey and was a very tall lady. The nun gazed at me and I hurried down the path and I thought, well I´m wide awake I´ll look again; she was still there and gazing at me. She beckoned me to go to her. This amazed me but I was also scared and I ran back into the house and wondered as to why I had seen this lady nun.

Next day, my neighbour´s husband said "Jessica, have you seen the spook" ? and Gerty his wife said, "Don´t be so soft, you know we have one, and I´m sure Jessica would like to know". I then mentioned that I had been startled by a figure, and then Raymond said "It´s a nun isn´t it" ? I said "yes it was, and she looked so real". A few days later, I saw the nun once more and Rex was with me. He bristled, howled, and ran home ahead of me, the nun then started to follow me. I heard her footsteps, and as I closed the back door, she came and "banged on the door", and shouted, "please help me, help me". Rex was howling and my husband locked the door and said, "this place is haunted, I´m not staying in this house, now I know".

The next day my neighbour said "Jessica what was all that noise" ? and I explained about the vision and the nun banging, and she said, "I think we must be all psychic, but she cannot harm us, but what does the poor soul want here anyway" ? My theory is that she was killed, with possibly more from a nearby convent. This happened at a tiny village called Little Fencote, near Northallerton in Yorkshire, England.

We now live in a house which is about 110 years old, and one sunny afternoon I "saw" an old lady in black clothes sitting on my bed. I said, "what do you want, you don´t live here now" ? then she moved and `dissolved´ near the bedroom door. On certain occasions, I felt that I was being watched in this house which gave me the chills. I contacted a medium (Sue) and she came and sat with me and said, "Jessica, you have a lady living here and you will have some happenings but don´t worry as she won´t harm you. It´s a tiny old lady in black". I said, "Sue, it´s the lady I saw sitting on my bed" so that proved my vision. Later, I went into my bedroom, picked up my Bible, and prayed out loud and said, "rest in peace, go to Jesus or your relatives or friends" I haven´t seen the old lady since.

We have a new neighbour who´s been in some trouble, and he´s started to damage my

house by banging and drilling. We contacted a solicitor and the council and we were threatened by him. The police came up and warned him. Anyway, I was sitting reading in the lounge and my grandmother "appeared" in a blaze of light. I looked at my gran and she smiled and looked so life like, I just couldn´t believe my eyes. I called my husband and said that gran had been to see us, and I think its a warning because I feel gran is protecting us from harm. I contacted a local medium, and she said that gran is watching over us and that we will leave the house and go to a nicer area, so I live in hope that some sunshine will come soon as I am unable to go into the garden without a look behind me to see if that man´s there from next door.

Jessica Shaw, Birdholme, Chesterfield, England. (More Slightly Weird tales next issue).

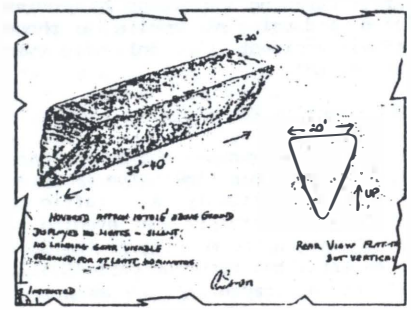
Close encounter with 'UFO' shocks driver.

THE ANDREW SWAN CASE, JULY 30th 1994, REPORT BY THE EDITOR.

(Editor´s Note. The focus of UFO sightings still appear to be in Central Scotland, and a most interesting case reported from Armadale was thoroughly Investigated by SPI researcher, John Jenkins. The following is first of all the written report by witness Andrew Swan who upon seeing a lightning storm, jumped into his car and travelled into it´s direction to obtain a better look).

At 11.45pm I went to the grounds of Armadale Academy to get a better view of the lightning. After only a few minutes, I noticed a large object about 20 feet wide moving in my direction. I thought it was a plane or something coming down. The object then stopped about 250-300 yards from where I was standing. I was just behind the tree line slightly out of view. I got into my car and drove a few miles to the Northrigg Road which is behind the school by about one and a half miles. At around 600 yards along the Northrigg Road, this large object appeared "above my car" travelling S.W. to N.E. I thought it was so low that I would drive into it, but it kept moving and stopped about a quarter of a mile in front of the electrical sheet lightning, (no thunder).

I pulled over onto the grass verge and switched off my car. I got out and moved around to the passenger side to stand and watch this thing. I watched for around 15 to 20 minutes until I convinced myself that I was not seeing things, and then I phoned the police on my car phone. After watching for another 20 minutes, I went into my car and brought out my spotter lamp. I plugged the lamp in and tried to light the object up, but although it was a 160 watt bulb, I could not reach the object.



Suddenly the lamp went out and I went into the car to move the plug around, and then my interior lights went out ! I was a little bit worried by now and decided I would leave and return home. I walked around the car to get to the driver´s side, and I noticed that my car headlights were out too.

I was really in a panic now, and as I looked over in the direction of the object, it "leapt up" and moved off at an unbeleivable speed.

It was well out of sight. I got into my car and turned on the ignition, but nothing was working. After a few attempts to start the car, I again phoned the police and told then that I was in distress and needed assistance. The police despatcher told me to stay on the phone until the officers arrived, which they did within minutes. Soon the area was "filled with police". Cars and officers were moving around the scene with flashlights discussing my claims. They soon left, and it was just a matter of waiting for the A.A. (Automobile Association) to arrive and get me home. When the patrol man did arrive, around 40 minutes later, he could not explain why my car was faulty, and could see no reason for the total loss of power.

It was decided to tow my car home, and when we arrived back in Armadale and the A.A. patrol man left, I found that the car had returned to normal and everything was working Since the incident, I have had many people phoning me in connection with my sighting, including the A.A. public relations, the police, newspapers, even the M.O.D. !

Andrew Swan 17/8/94.

(Editor´s Note. This then was the written report submitted to Investigator John Jenkins. In John´s own written report to SPI, he had this to say).

Mr Swan´s UFO encounter on the night of the 30th of July 1994 is remarkable in a number of ways, not the least of which is the extraordinary length of time he was able to view the object. The event began at about 11;45pm outside Armadale Academy where 27 year old Andy Swan, a cable layer with Scottish Power was sitting in his audi coupe car watching a particularly vivid lightning storm on the horizon. Andy became aware that a large object appeared to be descending on the Academy playing fields, or crash into the Academy buildings which is quite high up. The object however, was still descending and passed out of sight behind a row of trees. Intrigued that there was no sound of an explosion, Andy drove along the A89 towards the small village of Blackridge about one mile away.

Turning onto the North Rigg road, the object re-appeared having reversed its direction passing low over his car, so low, that he thought it was going to land on top of him or else he was going to crash into it. He slammed on the brakes and skidded a few yards while the object, still descending, passed over the car and came to a halt nearly 300 yards away hovering about 15 feet up above an old bing, (coal deposite hill, Ed) which had been grassed over. The object was completely silent and displayed no lights. There were no wings visible, and it did not appear to have any landing gear. Andy describes it as being like an `upside down pyramid´ approximately 35 to 40 feet long, and about 20 feet wide, with the corners all "rounded off". It seemed to have some kind of nose at what appeared to be the front, but the rear was just a "flat triangle".

After watching for around 20 minutes, Andy decided to telephone the police at Livingston, and using his mobile car phone, informed them that there appeared to be some kind of air accident. (The following events we know from having stated Andrew´s own report above, Ed)

John Jenkins Continues :

Within a few minutes the police cars arrived (they had been looking for him on the A89). Andy was by this time quite embarresed but an Inspector reassured him that they took his report seriously. Air traffic control at Edinburgh were contacted by the police, and the only traffic that evening, was one plane at 11.00pm, and a further two aircraft at 00.2am on the morning of the 31st. The A.A. were also contacted to help. The police then left, but returned periodically to check that he was O.K. During the last of those visits, an orange ball was seen to rise from the horizon in the Bathgate direction

(a town near Armadale, Ed). It rose about 300 feet into the sky, moved to the right, then faded down to a small bright spot of light. It then came back to its original size, moved back to the left, descended back down to the horizon, and disappeared. The policemen present, (who were watching this, Ed) then said that they had another call, then left.

John Jenkins, August 1994.

John finishes his report on the Andrew Swan case by mentioning about the arrival of the A.A. man who could not find any fault with Andy´s car, and of which had to be towed back to Andy´s home. And it was as Andy was entering his home, that he heard his car´s alarm system give a warning bleep, and when trying the starter once more, the car started as normal. The car has been normal ever since. Over the phone, John Jenkins has explained to me of some of the more interesting features of this case; firstly, the object described by Andy Swan, is "identical" to an object sighted over Bonnybridge in 1992. Secondly, the loss of electrical power, is part and parcel of similar low level close proxinity UFO sightings, and thirdly, the object´s own movement as it hovered over a small bing was described in Andy´s own words as..."It leaped up into the air like a bug jumping".

As learned, the Ministry of Defence became aware of this case, and in a letter dated August 25th 1994, from a Miss K. Philpott, (Nick Pope has moved on) the tierd old MoD saying is repeated. For those who are not aware of the Jurassic statement issued by the MoD, this, in part, is what Miss Philpott had to say in her letter to Andy.

> Your report has been passed to this office which has responsibility within the Ministry of Defence for recording such sightings. Our sole interest relates to whether the possibility of a threat to the United Kingdom´s air defences exists. If we conclude that no threat to the security of the U.K. has occured, we do not attempt to investigate further or try to establish what may have been seen. In this instance, we are satisfied that no threat to the U.K.s air defence has occured but have taken careful note of your report. We accept however, that there will always be some sightings which appear to defy explanation, and we are open minded on these.
>
> Miss K. Philpott, Sec (AS) 2a Room 8245, Ministry of Defence, London.

Oh I could read this all day ! Smashing stuff ! Now the UFO sighting in itself, is certainly intriguing, but in actual fact there is more to this story. John Jenkins found out that Mr Swan had a strange dream later that same evening of which John Jenkins now describes for us.

> Andy then went on to describe a very vivid dream that he had that night. He had arrived back home at 4am (ish) and went to bed at approximately 04.17am. He then proceeded to dream the whole event again, this time however, he said that unlike when watching the object when awake and there was no sound, in his dream there was an engine sound. He went on to describe that in his dream he saw an opening in the craft which appeared to be a narrow `upside down triangle´, and on looking in, it seemed to run the whole length of the craft. He also describes seeing green, yellow, and blue lights, and a brightness. He also saw different shaped panels on the wall, and he heard a sound similar to the chirpping and bleeping that you hear when you are not correctly tuned into a radio station !

John has since discovered after having an interview with the police, that the actual times involved when Andy claimed he phoned the police, do not tie in with the logged calls at the station. The implication here is that, maybe Andy is wrong in regards

to when he felt he had phoned, or, alternativily, this could be evidence of "Missing Time". His dream may in fact be a `slight recollection´ of "something else" that occured that night. Sadly, Andy is none too keen to have hypnotic regression conducted a decision of which we at SPI respect. So, yet another toblerone type object is sighted in the sky over Central Scotland, will it be the last !

(c) Malcolm Robinson. [In part, Andrew Swan & John Jenkins].

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s.p.i. statement on a.70 u.f.o. case.

STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATIONS

A decision was taken recently in regards to the biggest UFO case that SPI have ever worked on, (the A.70 Tarbrax Incident, see ENIGMAS May-June 1994 page 15). SPI are now putting a firm lid down on this case until our research is complete. Readers of the British press, will no doubt have read articles about this impressive case, from Newspapers such as The Stirling Observer, The Scotsman, and The News Of The World. Sadly, all these papers, whilst given the facts by SPI as they stood, wrongly misquoted segments of the story and had partly inaccurate statements. Because of this "inaccuracy of given facts", SPI have taken this decision not to work with any media source until the completion of this important case. It´s no use giving statements to the press when they wrongly misquote you.

Take it from me, and I don´t say this lightly, this case really is a big one, and even to write anything about it here in this issue, (which actually I had hoped to do), would never ever do it justice. There is so much to this case, which is essentially Scotland´s first "Reported" UFO abduction, that as I say, justice could not be done in an article in this magazine. Indeed, because there is so much detail, [admittedly gained through the use of hypnotic regression], that SPI may well give it proper justice' in booklet form, with maps, photographs, drawings, etc.

For those new readers who have just subscribed to ENIGMAS and are not aware of either the press reports of this case, or of SPI ENIGMAS write up in our May-June issue, this is essentially what happened. Garry Wood was driving in his car accompanied with his friend Colin Wright, on the A70 road. They had left Edinburgh and were heading towards the small village of Tarbrax in West Lothian, a journey which should only have taken them 30 minutes. This was on the 17th of August 1992.

At a certain point in the road, as they had just rounded a blind bend, Colin noticed in the sky, a strange disc shaped object which was hovering roughly 20 feet above the surface of the road. Both became alarmed by this and Garry immediately put his foot down on the accelarator in the hope of driving quickly under this object and therefore get away from its position. However, just as the bonnet of the car was almost underneath this shiney black object, a large "silver shimmering curtain" fell down onto the car.

Both Garry and Colin then experienced "total blackness", they couldn´t even see each other. Seconds later, they found themselves further down the

road, (actually driving on the wrong side of the road !) At this point, Garry was, according to his friend Colin in a statement to SPI, driving like a bloody mad-man to get away from this "thing". Shortly after, they arrived at their destination of Tarbrax, and it was here that Colin noticed that his seat belt was unbuckled. Colin swears that he had firmly secured it around his chest upon leaving on his journey. Upon entering the house at their destination, (they had to actually knock the people up out of their bed !) they were both staggered to learn that they had arrived much later than they should have and therefore there was a period of missing time.

SPI have since worked closely with these two men. We have interviewed them and with the help of hypnotherapist Helen Walters, we have had several hypnotic regression sessions. The information gained through the use of hypnosis, is extensive, and would appear to suggest, that clearly something else happened that night. The point is, is it truly a UFO abduction (whatever that is !) or is it some form of shared road psychosis ! The case is in its infancy and there is a lot of more work to be done. It would be totally unprofessional to present half a case, and so dear readers, I´m afraid you´ll have to sit tight, hold on to your hats, and look forward to early next year where we hope to be in a position to present the full facts and issue a public statement. I´ll tell you this, it sure will be worth waiting for.

Statement by Malcolm Robinson.

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Roswell The Unpopular Theory.

by lee walsh.

Roswell, New Mexico 1947. This event, whatever it was, will not go away ! As you all know, because this case has been thoroughly re-hashed for many years; in 1947 an alien space-ship and alien bodies were recovered....well, not exactly ! It really was a weather balloon....well not exactly that either ! in fact, it was really a `spy´ balloon, part of a Project Mogul that was given a Top Secret classification with the highest priority. Mogul was supposed to "snoop" on the Soviet Union but it didn´t always work that well and the project was ended (reportedly) in the late 1950´s.....well...maybe ! Is this latest startling information just part of a cover up of a cover up ? Was the Roswell crash a `terrestrial´ event, having nothing to do with E.T.s, weather, or spy balloons ?

Since the 1970´s, several contacts of mine have been trying to convince me that Roswell did not involve an extra-terrestrial crash nor little dead aliens. The craft that crashed there was `terrestrial´ one of our own, the occupants were probably robotic in nature, not wanting to use humans in experimental craft, the real cover up being that the craft and occupants were of Earthly design. Knowing our track record of failures, it certainly isn´t difficult to imagine a terrestrial crash, leaving debris and whatever else was on board. If the reported crash and `occupants´ were the design of another earthly country, we would certainly be curious about that as well.

A contact of mine from New Mexico, claimed that many years ago she spoke with the nurse who was (supposedly) present at the autopsy. She related that `it wasn´t exactly an autopsy´....What was it then ? Was it more of a `dis-assembly´ of something mechanical ? There are questions here that nobody seems to ask. Over the past 50 years we have been fed all sorts of information concerning Roswell, but we have learned nothing new. Looking back over the years, in dealing with the very subject of UFOs, we find there has been an extensive effort, at every level, to, (on the one hand) suppress and mis-inform the general public concerning UFOs, while, (on the other hand) keeping the mystery alive and well. If nothing else, this certainly keeps one away from the "real issues" !

GENERAL RAMEY AND HIS ADJUTANT POSE WITH SOME OF THE ALLEGED WRECKAGE.

Some questions. First of all, knowing the history of secrecy concerning the subject of UFOs, would our military, (or any other) report the fact that a saucer and alien beings had crashed in the New Mexico desert ? Would they make it front page headline news ? The only probable reason for that to have happened was to mis-inform the public in the first place, to implant that information in their minds, and then, to quickly withdraw that statement and say it was a weather balloon.

Of course, this is not the popular nor profitable concept as to the how and why of Roswell. However, if the E.T. story was to cover up the real terrestrial story and the weather balloon story was to cover up (supposedly) the E.T. story, well you can see how that worked over the years. Would aliens be likely to fly around in space-ships that crash ? (Come on now Lee, even terrestrial automobiles and aircraft crash, Editor).

If we have a very enlightened, advanced E.T. intelligence traversing our skies, then they would have a destruct mode in place wherein, if they were unable to avoid a crash they would self destruct, and there would be little left for anyone to pick up, to analyze, or to copy their technology. Are they not enlightened and advanced but stupid ? The `aliens´ have been reported to appear, disappear, walk through solid objects, and do all sorts of wonderful and amazing things, not to mention conversing through some sort of mind to mind communication. In fact, they seem to defy matter, time and space. Why would such a race have to abduct, examine, cut, scoop, take body parts, body fluids, etc of any earth creature or animal ? How many years and how many times do they have to do this to get it right ? Do they abduct and experiment on the pygmies, giants, etc living on Earth ? Since many of our native Indians claim to be direct decendants of the Pleiadians, why are "they" not getting all of the messages (supposedly) being channelled by "their" ancestors ?

Would `aliens´ abduct Earthlings and have them forget all about it, only to have the experiences brought forth in great detail by hypnosis ? If they really wished the experience to be forgotten, then they would certainly see to it that it remained forgotten. It seems that `aliens´ would not need to employ all of the clumsy methods reportedly used either in their travels, their abductions, or their examinations. All of these things are ludicrous, you only have to think about it. You wonder how military and Government can speak about a (possible) threat from `outer-space´. You wonder how the UFO `debunkers´ can sit there, straight faced, and deny that UFOs exist. You believe that they "really" do know something that we don´t know and are keeping it a secret, but you wonder which secret they are keeping. It is contrived that you should always wonder. They might even be telling the truth !

The mind is a wonderful and mysterious part of our psyche, and it is easily worked upon. If you are looking for answers, enlightenment and a spiritual awakening from a space brother/sister from `somewhere out there´ you would do well to use your own mind and search from within your own self, for the time being, until the truth is known and made very clear. Do extra-terrestrials exist ? Probably. Was the Roswell crash of extra-terrestrial origin ? Probably not. It has been reported that child size caskets were requested for Roswell. Before you ask why caskets were ordered for `robots´ and why autopsies were done on `robots´ we must assume these reports are accurate, and then you must understand the process of confirm and denial. To keep a secret you must invent several stories; keep the crashed saucer/alien theory alive and well in the mind of the public, but also, deny the incident by saying it was really a weather/spy balloon, and or UFOs do not exist in the first place. Who said that you can´t have it both ways ? This is a classic example.

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UFO REPORTER,JULY/AUGUST 1994. The UFO Reporter Edited by Nigel Mortimer, has a new look, gone is the A5 size, and in comes the new A4 larger size, a size that I have considered for ENIGMAS but as yet have not done so. This magazine is right up my street and is one of my favourites. This issue sees articles on, Strange Encounters On The Isle Of Man, (is there a fairy and UFO connection ?) Also, the swastika UFO mystery and UFOs in the Wharfe valley, both by Editor Nigel Mortimer. The magazine also contains a sprinkle of interesting UFO information, and is considered by SPI, to be a must for any serious UFOlogist. Subscription is; £7.00 for six issues. Cheques made payable to, Nigel Mortimer; at, 5 Stocks Hill, Menston, North Ilkley, West Yorkshire, England, LS29 6ND. IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION DUE ? If a tick appears in the following box, this means that your subscription has run out with this issue. Please re-subscribe and continue reading Scotland´s leading UFO and paranormal Journal. ☐

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SPI ONGOING RESEARCH. Apart from our continued UFO research at Bonnybridge and our involement with the A70 case, SPI are working on three different ghost cases, all of which have their own interesting points. And would you believe, your usual, "nothing scares me" Editor, finally was in a haunted house that gave me the "creeps", I just didn´t like it ! More of these cases and your usual sprinkling of the paranormal in our next issue which will be, February-March 1995. All it remains now, is to wish all our readers, all the very best for the festive period when it comes around. And remember, an open mind is so much better than a closed one !

WE´D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. Finally, anyone who wishes to report a UFO or has a strange and unusual paranormal tale to tell, then please get in contact with the Editor at the address on the front cover. If possible, type up your report or print it if you have´nt a type writer. Some of the letters I receive can only be read after a good few bottles of Newcastle brown ale !!!

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■ NOT TRUE ! Authors Philip Mantle and Carl Nagaitis's new book "Without Consent" published by Ringpull Press price £16.99, is selling reasonably well and was serielised in the Daily Star newspaper of September 16th. Out of all the chapters that the paper could have used, they used the chapter on "aliens & sex". And in their double page article, they, (The Daily Star), had a totally wrong and very misleading drawing. We were shown the Ian Macpherson UFO photograph,(see ENIGMAS May-June issue) which was fine but incredibly, they had a drawing of a scaled reptilian creature which they (The Star) said in the caption, that it had come out of this UFO ! What rot. This was not the fault of Philip and Carl, but typical shoddy journalism. Please note, that Ian Macpherson has never at any time, stated that he saw any alien-creature next to or near the UFO that he saw and photographed early this year. ■ DOOMSDAY AUGUST 14th 2116 ! Apparently a huge comet, 3.1 miles wide and made up of ice and rock and which is travelling at 37 miles per second, is on a course to hit planet Earth on August the 14th 2116, which if it does hit, could wipe out nearly all life on the planet, (wonder if my garden shed will survive !) [source Daily Record]. ■ IUFOPRA. This stands for the Irish UFO and paranormal research association. It is Ireland's only official and Independant UFO & Paranormal organisation. This group produce not only a monthly newsletter, but a Journal as well. For more details, write to Karl Morris, IUFOPRA, Box Number 3070, Whitehall, Dublin 9, Ireland. ■ WELL HAVE YOU ? A lady has written in to SPI who believes that she may have been abducted by aliens and has moved house several times in her life. The problem is, that on every occasion that she has moved into her new house, her phone rings and there is nobody there. Now of course we all get "funny phone calls" from time to time, but I would ask any abductee `out there´ if you have moved house since your abduction; have you received any silent phone calls ? If so, contact the Editor at the address featured on our front page. ■ 1995 UFO CONFERENCES A one day conference on UFOs will be held on the 22nd of April 1995 at the Warblington Secondary School, Warblington, Havant, Portsmouth, England, (10am till 4pm). Speakers include Paul Fuller, Malcolm Terry, Roy Lake, and Gordon Millington. Tickets are priced £5.00 or £6.00 at the door. For more information contact, Steve Gerrard, 25 Weston Grove Road, Woolston, Southampton, Hampshire, England, SO19 9EE. Also, BUFORA'S big International UFO congress will now be held at a new venue which is, the Hallam University in Sheffield, (Pennine Theatre) on Saturday and Sunday the 19th & 20th of August 1995. It's title will be, "UFOs, Examining The Evidence" Speakers include, Per Anderson [Denmark], Cynthia Hind [Zimbabwe], Vincent Juan Ballester Olmos [Spain], Maurizio Verfa [Italy], Dr Helmut Lammer [Austria], John Spencer [England], Dr Leo Sprinkle [USA], Jiles Hamilton [USA] and your's truly, Malcolm Robinson, [Scotland]. The Congress itself will be in honor of Walter Andrus,MUFON'S International Director who will be the guest of honor and who will perform the opening and closing ceremonies. Phone Philp Mantle on 0924 444 049 for more details. ■ SPI LECTURES. SPI have two upcoming lectures, our first will be on the 23rd of November in which John Plowman of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research, will talk on "Castles, Cairns, and coloured lines" (Ley-Lines). On December 12th there will be another lecture, speaker still to be arranged. The lectures will be held at the Cowane Centre in Stirling Phone 0259724033 for details.